

AMBASSADOR
Pedro COMISSÁRIO AFONSO

Born 18 September 1957
Sofala, Mozambique

I. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- **1992-1994** Advanced post-graduate and research studies in International Law and International Relations, Columbia University, New York.
- **1990-1991** LLM. (Master in International and Constitutional Law), Columbia University School of Law, New York.
- **1975-1981** Law Degree and LLM, Eduardo Mondlane University, Maputo.
- **1972-1974** Studies in Philosophy

II. BRIEF CAREER RESUMÉ

- **2014** President, Executive Committee, UNHCR
- **2013-2014** 1st Vice President, Executive Committee, UNHCR
- **2013-2014** President, III Review Conference Preparatory Meetings on Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention
- **2013 -** Coordinator for Humanitarian Affairs, African Group, Geneva
- **2012 –** Ambassador; Permanent Representative of Mozambique to UNOG, WTO, IAEA and UNIDO
- **2006-2012** Ambassador of Mozambique to Sweden and to the Nordic Countries
- **2001-2006** Director, Legal and Consular Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Maputo
- **1996-2001** Ambassador of Mozambique to Portugal
- **1989-1996** Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Mozambique to the United Nations
- **1985-1989** Director, International Organizations and Conferences, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **1983-1985** Director, Africa and Middle East, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

III. LEGAL ACTIVITIES AND POSITIONS

- **2002 –** Member, UN International Law Commission, having served as its *Rapporteur General* (2004), *Vice-Chairman* (2007) and *Chairman of the Drafting Committee* (2008).
- **2001-2006** Professor, International Law and Organization, Mozambique Institute of International Relations
- **2001-2006** Principal Legal Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

- **2001-2003** Legal Adviser to the Mozambique Delegation to the Drafting and Amending of the Constitutive Act of the African Union.
- **1991-1992** Chairman of the Sixth (Legal) Committee, UN General Assembly
- **1991-1992** Chairman, United Nations Commission on the Requests for the Revision of the Administrative Tribunal Judgements
- **1982- 1995** Delegate of Mozambique to the Sixth Committee of the Sixth Committee of the United Nations General Assembly
- **1982- 1983** Assistant Legal Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **1979- 1981** Lecturer in Law, Eduardo Mondlane University

IV. OTHER POSITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- **2003-2006** Chairman, Joint Permanent Commission (Mozambique, South Africa and Portugal) on Cahora-Bassa Dam.
- **2002-2006** Chairman, Mozambique Inter-ministerial Technical Council on Cahora-Bassa Scheme Dam (HCB)
- **2002-2003** Chairperson, SADC Ambassadors and Senior Officials Committee on the Organ for Politics, Defence and Security
- **2002-2003** Coordinator General, Organizing Committee for the 2nd session of the Assembly of the Heads of State and Government of the African Union, held in Maputo
- **2002-2006** Head, Mozambique Delegation to the United Nations Ad-Hoc Committee for the Negotiation of a Convention against Corruption
- **2000-2001** Dean of the African Group of Ambassadors to Portugal
- **1992-1994** Mozambique Representative to the Security Council and to the Secretary General on the Implementation of the General Peace Accord for Mozambique
- **1990-1992** Vice-Chairman, Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
- **1990-1991** Vice-President of the United Nations General Assembly
- **1989-1995** Deputy Head and Acting Head of the Mozambican Delegation to the UN General Assembly
- **1990** Chairman of the African Group of Ambassadors at the United Nations
- **1989-1990** Vice-Chairman of the Ad-Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean

V. LANGUAGES

- **Fluently speaks and writes:** Portuguese, English, French; working knowledge of Spanish.
- **Learnt:** Greek, Latin and German.

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