



# RENNER ONANA

Chief of Staff

Renner Onana, a Cameroonian diplomat and senior Minister Plenipotentiary, was appointed Chief of Staff of MINUSCA by United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres and endorsed by the Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG), Valentine Rugwabiza. He assumed his duties on 1 June 2024. Mr. Onana has over 30 years of experience in international peace and security, political affairs, human rights, diplomacy, disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR), and security sector reform (SSR). A defining feature of his career is his extensive field-based leadership at senior levels within the United Nations. As Head of the MINUSCA Field Office in Kaga-Bandoro prior to the 2019 peace agreement, he led protection efforts, engaged with local authorities and communities, and worked to mitigate the impact of violence during one of the country's most fragile periods.

His broader UN experience includes serving as Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights within the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in the Central African Republic (BINUCA), and as Senior Political Affairs Officer and Deputy Chief of Staff at MINUSCA.

Mr. Onana holds a Ph.D. in International Relations from the Institute of International Relations of Cameroon (IRIC), completed in collaboration with the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva. He also holds a Bachelor's degree in International Relations History from the University of Yaoundé and a Diploma in Comparative Human Rights from the Institute of Human Rights in Strasbourg. Fluent in both English and French, he has served in seven UN peace operations across Africa and the Caribbean.