



VALENTINE RUGWABIZA

Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of Mission

Ms. Valentine Rugwabiza of Rwanda was appointed Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Central African Republic (CAR) and Head of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) on 23 February 2022 by UN Secretary-General, António Guterres.

With more than 30 years of experience in Africa development and security issues in both the public and corporate sectors, Ms. Rugwabiza has been a Cabinet member, a senior diplomat accredited to several countries and organizations, and a senior leader in national, regional and multilateral entities.

Since 2016, Ms. Rugwabiza has been her country's Permanent Representative to the United Nations and non-resident Ambassador to Colombia and Jamaica. Between 2014 and 2016, she served as Minister for East African Community Affairs and Member of the East African Legislative Assembly. From 2013 to 2014, she was Chief Executive Officer of the Rwanda Development Board and a Member of Cabinet.

From 2005 until 2013, Ms. Rugwabiza served as the Deputy Director-General of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva. Before that, she was Rwanda's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office at Geneva and United Nations specialized agencies, as well as Ambassador to Switzerland, from 2002 to 2005.

Ms. Rugwabiza speaks English, French, Kiswahili and Kinyarwanda.