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Ms. Vera Songwe is an Economist and Banking executive from Cameroon who has worked for the World Bank since 1998, and in 2015 became Western and Central Africa’s regional director for the International Finance Corporation. Ms. Songwe is the first woman to head the U.N.’s Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) at the level of Under Secretary-Genera.

Prior to joining the ECA, she was Regional Director of the International Finance Corporation, covering West and Central Africa. In addition, she continues to serve as a non-resident Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution’s Africa Growth Initiative. She is also a member of the African Union institutional reform team under the direction of the President of Rwanda, Paul Kagame, and a board member of the African Leadership Network and the Mo Ibrahim Foundation. Previously, she was Country Director for the World Bank, covering Cape Verde, the Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania and Senegal. She was also Adviser to the Managing Director of the World Bank for Africa, Europe and Central and South Asia and a lead Country Sector Coordinator for the organization. She had earlier served as the World Bank’s Senior Economist in the Philippines.

**MS. ROSA MALANG**
UN Resident Coordinator and Designated Official for Security

Ms. Rosa Malango (Equatorial Guinea) is the UN Resident Coordinator and Designated Official for Security for the Republic of Uganda. She is the highest-ranked representative of the UN in Uganda and presented her credentials to H.E. President Yoweri Museveni in February 2019. Before that she served as UN Resident Coordinator, UNDP Resident Representative and UN Designated Official for Uganda from March 2016 to December 2018. She ensures overall team leadership of the UN system in Uganda. She ensures the interlinkage and mutual reinforcement of humanitarian, development, peace and security and human rights through implementation of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) 2016 – 2020 in support of the National Development Plan (NDP II), Vision 2040 and the 2030 Agenda.

She has supported Uganda’s effective participation in major international, regional, humanitarian and development summits and frameworks including the World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) 2016 and the Peace, Security and Cooperation (PSC) Framework for the Great Lakes. Working closely with the Prime Minister she jointly organised the Uganda Solidarity Summit on Refugees convened and jointly hosted by President Yoweri Museveni and United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres in Kampala in June 2017. The summit was the first summit of its kind to
be held in the global south in the same country for which support was mobilized in solidarity. The summit, which helped to enhance positive branding for Uganda, was attended by representatives from 46 countries and raised over US $ 500 million.

Ms. Malango has 25 years’ experience working with the UN in Angola, Mozambique, Ethiopia, Ivory Coast, Guatemala and UN Headquarters in New York among other locations. Prior to her appointment as UN Resident Coordinator in Uganda, she was Head of the UN Resident Coordinator’s Office, Guatemala where she shadowed the UN Resident Coordinator as part of an inter-agency talent management program for emerging women leaders. She has also worked as the UNOCHA Chief, External Relations and Partnerships Section in New York and Regional Programme Adviser & Deputy Regional Coordinator, WFP – Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire.

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