

## High Level Partners visit to Chad – National Authorities and Stakeholders

21 to 25 October 2024

### President of the Republic

Mahamat Idriss Déby Itno was sworn in as President on 23 May 2024, after he was declared the winner of the 6th May presidential election with 61% of votes and a voter participation rate of 75.78 %.

Mahamat Déby has led Chad since 20 April 2021 when his father President Idriss Déby Itno was killed in the context of a rebel incursion. From 20 April 2021 to 10 October 2022, Mahamat Déby was the President of a 15-member Transitional Military Council (TMC) that took power after the assassination of the former President. On 10 October 2022, he was sworn-in as Transition President, while the TMC was dissolved.



Mahamat Idriss Déby previously headed the Presidential Guard after serving in senior positions within the military including with the Chadian contingent in MINUSMA. He took part in operations against Chadian rebel groups and reportedly was at the frontline when his father was killed in combat. He underwent military training in Chad in the 2000s, as well as a short military training in Aix-en-Provence, France.

Mahamat Déby was born in 1984 and grew up with his paternal grandmother. He has several wives. In April 2024, he published an autobiography “From Bedouin to President”.

### Mediator of the Republic

Mr. Saleh Kebzabo was appointed Mediator by Decree N°0063/PT/2024 of February 05, 2024, for a term of five (05) years, renewable once.

He was appointed Prime Minister of the national unity government for the period from October 12, 2023, to January 1, 2024, following the national dialogue. He is President of the National Union for Democracy and Renewal (UNDR).

Mr. Kebzabo was leader of the opposition in Parliament from 2011 to 2019. He has stood in several presidential elections, winning over 12% of the vote in 2016, but boycotted the last presidential election in April 2021.



Mr. Kebzabo held various ministerial portfolios in the 1990s (e.g. Minister of Foreign Affairs in 1996/97). He was elected to the National Assembly in 2002. - Following the unconstitutional transition in April 2021, he expressed his support for the political transition. He took part in the Doha peace talks with the armed opposition, was vice-chairman of the committee organizing the national dialogue and played an active part in the latter.

Mr. Kebzabo was born in 1947 in western Mayo-Kebbi and is a Muslim from southern Chad. His appointment could have helped bridge the widening political and inter-regional divides, but not the inter-

religious and inter-generational ones. His influence is increasingly limited. His political party has criticized the way in which the constitutional referendum is being prepared.

### **Prime Minister, Alla-Maye Halina**

Allamaye Halina was appointed Prime Minister on 23 May 2024 and leads the first post-transition cabinet.

He previously served as Ambassador of Chad to China since 2023.

He served as Chief of Protocol at the presidency from 2010 to 2023, both under the late President Idriss Déby Itno and under Mahamat Déby Itno.

He was born in Mayo-Kebbi Est province in the south of Chad in January 1967. He holds a bachelor's degree in history and geography from the University of N'Djamena and a master's degree in international relations from the International Relations Institute of Cameroon.



### **State Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chadians Abroad and International Cooperation and Government Spokesperson, Republic of Chad**

Abderaman Koulamallah was appointed State Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chadians Abroad and International Cooperation and Government Spokesperson on 23 May 2024, as a member of the post- transition Cabinet.

He previously served as Minister of Communication and Government Spokesperson (May 2021 to October 2022 and January to May 2024) and Minister of Reconciliation and Social Cohesion (October 2022 to January 2024) in successive National Unity Governments.

As Minister of Reconciliation and Social Cohesion, he participated in the negotiations that culminated in the Doha Peace Agreement (August 2022). He also played a role in subsequent outreach efforts to the political and armed opposition, including the agreement that enabled the return of Succès Masra (October 2023). He had also served as advisor to the late President Idriss Déby Itno. He leads the political party *Union Démocratique Tchadienne* (UDT). He returned to Chad in 2011 after having been affiliated with rebel groups for decades, including most recently the *Union des Forces de la Résistance*.

He was born in N'Djamena in 1956. His mother is of Sudanese lineage. He holds a diploma in cinematography acquired in Paris.



### **State Minister, Minister of Finance, Budget, Economy and Planning**

Tahir Hamid Ngulin, Since June 30, 2019, he has been appointed Minister of Finance and Budget and in the government of the return to constitutional order of the 5th Republic he has been promoted to Minister of State, Minister of Finance, Budget, Economy and Planning.

Mr. Tahir Hamid Ngulin has extensive, multi-disciplinary experience in banking, currency, economics, taxation, accounting, management, telecommunications, public finance, corporate management, and hydrocarbons.

Before becoming Minister, he held several positions of responsibility at national level and in the sub-region: Director General of the Treasury (2005-2006); Director General of Taxes (2006-2008) and Director General of the Société des Télécommunications du Tchad (SOTEL-TCHAD from 2009 to June 2010). In the sub- region, he represented Chad on the Board of Directors of BEAC (2005-2007), was a member of BEAC's Monetary Policy Committee (2007-2009) and a director representing Chad on the Boards of TOTCO and COTCO, the companies responsible for transporting Chadian crude oil to the international market. He was also appointed Vice-Governor of the BEAC by the Conference of CEMAC Heads of State; Vice-Chairman of the BEAC Monetary Policy Committee; Alternate Chairman of the Central African Banking Commission (COBAC); Chairman of the Sub-Regional Payments System Monitoring Committee and Director of the Banque de Développement des Etats de l'Afrique Centrale (BDEAC).

He holds a Master's degree in Accounting and Financial Sciences and Techniques (MSTCF) from the Catholic University of Central Africa in Yaoundé, Cameroon.



### **State Minister, Minister of Women, Protection of Early Childhood and National Solidarity**

Amina Priscille Longoh has been the State Minister, Minister of Women, Protection of Early Childhood and National Solidarity since September 2023 - the first woman in Chad elevated to Minister of State level.

She entered the Government under the late President Idriss Déby Itno as Minister of Women and the Protection of Early Childhood in July 2020 (she was the youngest member of his cabinet). She was retained in all government reshuffles including in the three Governments of National Unity during the political transition under Mahamat Déby Itno.

She worked for Glencore from 2013 to 2018. In 2016, Ms. Longoh founded "Tchad Helping Hands", a charitable organization with a focus on supporting Chadian women and girls.

The late President Idriss Déby appointed her as director of the National Women's House in 2019. She also served as education commissioner for the Pan African Youth Union.

Born in 1991 she hails from Moyen-Chari province in the south of Chad. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration acquired in Ghana and a master's degree in business administration.



### **State Minister, Minister of Territorial Administration and Decentralization**

Limane Mahamat has been the State Minister, Minister of Territorial Administration and Decentralization since October 2022. He was elevated to the level of State Minister in the first post-transition cabinet appointed on 23 May 2024.

He served in several other influential positions during the political transition: President of the commission that oversaw the constitutional referendum (January 2023- December 2024); Rapporteur of the national dialogue (August -October 2024); and Special Advisor to the Transition President.

Under the late President Idriss Déby Itno, Mr. Mahamat served as Justice Minister and Minister of Higher Education, Presidential Advisor, and Vice-President as well as Rapporteur of the national electoral management body.

Born in 1968 in Chari Baguirmi in south-western Chad, he is a lawyer by training.



#### **State Minister, Minister of Justice and Human Rights, Keeper of the Seals**

Mr Aberahim Birémé HAMID is an experienced administrator in the Chadian civil service.

After several years spent in the judicial administration, he became a judge, a counselor at the Court of Appeal, President of the Court of First Instance of N'Djaména, Public Prosecutor, Counselor at the Court of Appeal. He has also held several ministerial posts, including Minister of the Interior and Public Security, Minister of Trade and Industry, Minister of Territory and Public Security. In March 2018, he was appointed Executive Secretary of the Niger Basin Authority (ABN), before returning to his current position.

As an honorary member, he is an Officer of the Order of Civic Merit of Chad and Commander of the National Order of Chad. Born around 1957, he is a graduate of the Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature in Paris, France.



#### **President of the National Human Right Commission**

Mr. BELNGAR Larme Jacques is the president of the National Human Rights Commission of Chad: since 11 March 2023. He replaced the former President Mahamat Nour Ibedou.

Born on 9 December 1980 in N'Djamena, Mr. Belngar Larme Jacques has a master's degree in information and communication, University of N'Djamena in 2009. He was the Commissioner and General Rapporteur of the National Human Rights Commission: Since February 2020, and he joined the NHRC as the Representative of medias organizations.





Before joining the NHRC, he was the president of the Union of Chadian Journalists from 2015 to 2020, and a journalist at the National Office of Audiovisual Media (ONAMA) from 2007 to 2020.

Besides, he is Member of the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ)

### **Governor of the province of Ouaddaï**

Gov. Bachar Ali Souleymane holds a bachelor's degree of Diplomacy from ENAM, and was born in Moussoro (Chad).

Before his appointment as Governor of the province of Ouaddaï (Abéché) on October 7, 2022, Gar. Bachar Ali Souleymane, was Governor of the province of Logone Occidentale (Moundou) from 2021 to 2022, and Governor of Mayo-Kebbi-Est (Bongor) from 2020 to 2021. He was Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Cement Company/SONACIM in 2020, Minister of Territorial Administration and Local Governance in 2016-2017, Ombudsman of the Republic (2014-2016), Minister of Territorial Administration and Decentralization (2011-2013)

From 1989 to 2011, Guardian Bachar Ali Souleymane held various positions including prefect of different departments (Nya Pende, Bahr El Ghazel, Dar Tama), deputy and rapporteur of the Defense and Security Commission, sub-prefect of Oum-Hadjer, Abéché rural and Gore. He was also a deputy in the National Assembly in 1989.



### **Governor of the province of Lac**

SALEH HAGGAR TIDJANI was born around 1980 in Moussoro.

Since February 29, 2024, he has been appointed governor of the province of Lac (Bol). Before being appointed governor of the Lac province, he was the police controller general and deputy director general of intelligence and investigations.

He has held several positions of responsibility in the administrative, political and security spheres, the most relevant of which are: Member of the Special Negotiation Committee with the Politico-Military, and Member of the Special Technical Committee on the Participation of Politico-Military in the Inclusive and Sovereign National Dialogue

Secretary General of the Province of Batha, Prefect of the Department of IRIBA, Prefect of the Department of Barh El-Gazel North, Prefect of the Department of Biltine, Prefect of the Department of Dar Tama,

Sub-Prefect of Guéréda, Sub-Prefect of Mallah, Sub-Prefect of Moundjoura, Deputy Sub-Prefect of Bohobé, Deputy Sub-Prefect of Moussoro, Head of the Administrative Post of Moundjoura, Provincial Delegate of the Police of Bahr-El-Gazel, Vice-President of the Departmental Sub-CENI

Gar Saleh Haggag Tidjani is close to the ruling party, within which he has held several positions of responsibility.



### **National Council of Women Leaders of Chad (CONAF)**

Since December 2017, Ambassador Mariam MAHAMAT NOUR has been President of the National Council of Women Leaders of Chad (CONAF-Chad)

A postgraduate graduate in Economic Sciences from the National University of Côte d'Ivoire (DEA in Development and International Trade) and from the Marien Ngouabi University of Brazzaville in Congo (DES in Economic Theories) and holder of a bachelor's degree in development planning, Ambassador Mariam Mahamat Nour has in-depth and diversified knowledge in the fields of development and diplomacy. She has over thirty years of experience:



12 years in various ministerial positions (Minister of Economy, Planning and International Cooperation, Minister of Environment and Water, Minister Secretary General of the Government, Secretary of State for Planning and Cooperation and Secretary of State for Finance), 14 years at the United Nations (FAO Representative in Togo, Mali and Mauritania),

In Civil Society such as Secours Catholique et Développement (SECADEV), an Integrated Rural Development NGO, Swiss Tropical Institute (ITS) in Chad, President of the Association of Chadian Women for Development (AFTD).

Ambassador Mariam Mahamat Nour has also been a National and International Consultant for the WB, UNDP, ILO, UNICEF and FAO.

With a keen sense of mediation and negotiations, Ambassador Mariam Mahamat Nour has tactfully assumed her role as : General Rapporteur (and linchpin) of the Special Technical Committee relating to the preparation of the participation of political-military movements in the DNIS, under the aegis of the former President of the Republic Goukouni Weddeye, (from August 2021 to March 2022), First Vice-President of the Presidium of the 1st Inclusive National Forum of 2018; President of the Presidium of the 2nd Inclusive National Forum of 2020.

### **National Youth Council of Chad (CNJT)**

ADAM MBODOU ABAKAR, is the head of training, education and employment within the National Youth Council of Chad (CNJT).

He has played a central role in encouraging young people to actively get involved in public life but especially in representing the interests of young people at the strategic level.

He is the founder and president of the Chadian Association for Orientation and Active Citizenship (ASTOC). In addition to his associative commitments, ADAM MBODOU ABAKAR is a young, dynamic and versatile Chadian leader, combining civic engagement and entrepreneurial spirit but above all passionate about digital technology, Geomatics-GIS, photogrammetry and drones. He is an entrepreneur and promoter of the startup CartoTchad, an innovative project that reflects his ambition for technology and sustainable development.



He has been a member of the PBF Joint Steering Committee since its creation in 2023 and has contributed significantly to the PBF portfolio assessment and eligibility application process drawing on his experience working with international organizations and United Nations agencies such as UNDP Chad, the PBF Secretariat, UNICEF and UNFPA.