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Alhaji Muhammad Mumuni was appointed Secretary General of the ACP Group on 26th March 2013 during a Special Session of the ACP Council of Ministers. He replaces Dr Mohamed Ibn CHAMBAS, his compatriot, who was recently nominated as the UN and AU Joint Special Envoy to Darfur. Mr Mumuni will serve out the remainder of Dr Chambas' term of office, which runs until 28th February 2015.

In his farewell remarks the outgoing Secretary-General, Dr Chambas, declared that he was pleased, as he leaves office, that the "Council of Ministers has ensured a smooth and uninterrupted transition by the appointment of my compatriot, Hon. Muhammad MUMUNI, as the Secretary-General to complete my unexpired term. As the immediate past Foreign Affairs Minister of Ghana, he has followed closely the activities of the ACP... You have heard him yourselves and you can discern the zeal, thoughtfulness and determination with which he takes up office. "

The incoming Secretary General, Hon. Muhammad MUMUNI, has underlined the reforms and initiatives undertaken by his predecessor on the future perspectives of the ACP Group, the negotiations of the EPA's, the Intra-ACP cooperation, South-South and Triangular cooperation "and more importantly, sustaining existing partnerships, while charting new frontiers of cooperation. "I would like, he added, to deepen the internal reforms that the outgoing Secretary-General has already embarked upon, to ensure that the Secretariat is in a better position to serve our principal Authorities and other key stakeholders."

Mr Mumuni most recent post has been that of Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration of Ghana, an appointment which ran from February 2009 to January 2013.

Alhaji Muhammad Mumuni was born in Ghana on 28th July, 1949. He entered the University of Ghana in 1969 where he completed his LL.B and continued at the Ghana Law School to do his postgraduate degree in law (LL.M). In October 1975, he obtained a BL qualification from the Ghana School of Law.

Alhaji Muhammad Mumuni was elected Member of Parliament for Kumbungu Constituency for two terms (1996-2000; 2000-2004). While in Parliament, he served on various Parliamentary Select and Standing Committees. He was a member of the Standing Order Committee, a Ranking Member–Committee on Legal,

He was appointed the Presidential Running Mate to the Presidential Candidate, Prof J.E.A. Mills, on the ticket of the National Democratic Congress (NDC), in the 2004 Presidential Elections.

Alhaji Muhammad Mumuni has also been a member of the Governing Body of the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Geneva, Switzerland (1999-2001). He was the President of the 87th Session of the International Labour Conference of the ILO in June 1999.

He was the leader of the National Tripartite Delegation to the International labour Conference (85th to 88th Sessions) between June 1997 and 2000. In June 1998 he was the Vice-President of the 86th Session of the International Labour Conference.

Under the first term of the Presidency of H.E. Flt. Lt. J.J. Rawlings, Mr Mumuni was appointed to the Ministry of Employment and Social Welfare as a Minister of State (Cabinet Rank).

He was also the National President for Old Tamascans Association, an association of past student of Tamale Secondary School between 1985 and 1997. He was the National President for Dagbon Youth Association (DAYA) between 1996 and 1997.

He was also the Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Ghanaian-Danish Communities Association (GDCA), an NGO which initiated and is overseeing the implementation of the Ghanaian-Danish Community Project (GDCP); A DANIDA funded project working in the Tolon-Kumbungu District area of poverty alleviation and development intervention.

Between 1995 and 1997, he was the Vice-President of the Board of Directors of the School for Life Project – A DANIDA founded and supported NGO operating in functional literacy for children aged between eight and eleven in educationally depressed areas in the Northern Region.

He was the founder and chairman of Bonzali Rural Bank Ltd, a community initiated and managed bank devoted to saving mobilisation and financial intermediation in rural based and cottage industries, from 1990 to 1995.

Between 1994 and 1997, he was the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Amasachina Self–help Association an indigenous NGO devoted to mobilising local resources at the grass–roots level for development projects in the communities using voluntary and communal labour and contribution.

Alhaji Muhammad Mumuni was the President of the Ghana Bar Association (Northern Region Branch) from 1992 to 1996. He was also a member of the National Bar Council of Ghana Bar Association. In 1995, he was appointed a Member of the Lands

Commission (Northern Region) also appointed to represent the Northern Region on the National Lands Commission.

In his Political career, between 1992 and 1996 he was voted the presiding member of the Tolon – Kumbungu District Assembly for two terms. He was elected an Assembly Member for Yagrafong Electoral area in the Tolon– Kumbunga District Assembly of the Northern Region of Ghana.

He was also a member of the Northern Regional Consultative Assembly, a deliberative and consultative today established by the Provisional National Defence Council (PNDC) to advise the regional administration.

Between 1980 and 1982, he was the chairman of the Western Dagomba District Council. In 1980, he served as a member of the Committee of Inquiry into the structure and operations of the Upper Regional Development Programme. (URADEP).

He served as a member representing the Northern Region on the Local Government Grants Commission, a body constituted under the 1979 “Third Republican Constitution of Ghana” to undertake the allocation of and disbursement of grants – in – aid and other development resources to District and Local Councils of Ghana.

He has been a private legal practitioner and founder / senior partner of the Law firm Yelinzo Law Chambers in Tamale, Ghana from 1980 – 1997. Mr Mumuni was a District Magistrate (Grade I) in the Judicial Service of Ghana between 1977 and 1980. He was also a Legal Officer, Bank for Housing and Construction between 1976 and 1980.

He has the National Service Co-ordinator (North) of the National Service Scheme of Ghana from 1975 to 1976, and prior to that, was a teaching Assistant at the faculty of Law, University of Ghana, Legon from 1972 – 1974.

His hobbies are Tennis, Soccer and Nature Study, though he admits that he mainly practices these hobbies from the living room these days, having suffered major injuries while playing tennis.

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