



Denis Christel Sassou Nguesso is a 46-year-old Congolese politician and social actor. A member of the government and parliament, he is also the promoter of a non-profit organization that has been carrying out high social impact projects since 2012.

Minister

Since may 2021

Deputy

Since july 2012



Biography



Youth and education



Denis Christel Sassou Nguesso was born on January 14, 1975 in Brazzaville, the city where he grew up. He began his school career there, marked by his passage to the General-Leclerc preparatory military school.

He then left for France where he obtained, a few years later, a diploma as a notary clerk and a master's degree in private law. It is finally in trading that he will make the first steps of his professional career.

Professional life

In 2001, he joined the London office of the "Société Nationale des Pétroles du Congo" (SNPC), before returning to the Congo where he was director of the SNPC's marketing subsidiary (Cotrade) from 2005 to 2009.

In parallel to his activity in the oil sector, Denis Christel Sassou Nguesso began a political career. In 2007, he created the "Pôle des jeunes républicains". Since then, he has been struggling to reconcile his life as a business leader with that of a political player.

In 2011, he became deputy general manager of the downstream oil of SNPC, as well as CEO of SNPC Distribution and general manager of the "Congolaise de raffinage" (Coraf).

That same year, he joined the political bureau of the "Parti Congolais du Travail" (PCT) and chose to give a new impetus to his life as a social actor with the creation of the Perspectives d'Avenir foundation which, without taking the place of the State, is committed to participating in the training of young people; to contributing to widening access to health care and to supporting the development of income generating activities.



Arrival at the National Assembly ...



Political and social action

In 2012, he set a new milestone in his political life by winning, in the first round, the legislative elections in the constituency of Oyo, a town in the Cuvette department. He was re-elected in 2017 for a new term that runs until 2022 and becomes a member of the Committee in charge of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation at the Assembly.



In addition, in 2013, Denis Christel, through his foundation, launched a vast free vaccination and screening campaign for cervical cancer, in partnership with the "Association Solidarité Cancer" and the Ministry of Health and Population. With the help of many national and international partners, the foundation "Perspectives d'Avenir", which he presides, will carry out several other projects with a strong social impact, such as the Community Health Program, which will have provided free health care to more than 100,000 patients suffering from various pathologies, or a study grant program that has benefited a hundred young Congolese from disadvantaged backgrounds, to name a few.

In the same vein, through a group of associations that supports the government's action and of which he is the honorary president, Denis Christel Sassou Nguesso is facilitating the renovation of nearly ten public schools in Brazzaville to enable young learners to study in the best conditions.

Recognition of his commitment ...



In 2016, he was awarded the honorary title of Doctor Honoris Causa by the Private University of Marrakech (UPM). This is the very first distinction of its kind awarded by this school to a personality. Through this act, the UPM recognizes "his commitment to education and his human value". By accepting this title, Denis Christel promises to continue his work.



Vision and ideals

Aware of the ills that plague his country, thanks in particular to his status as a representative of the people, and conscious that the State will not provide the appropriate solutions on its own, Denis Christel Sassou Nguesso decided to write a booklet in which he shares his "vision of what the Congo can be tomorrow if we mobilise to act together". In this book, entitled "What I believe" and published in May 2018, Denis Christel Sassou Nguesso proposes that all actors in society contribute to "do more and better" than his foundation for the development of the country. In about sixty pages, the book presents several projects that could contribute to making the right to health a reality, in particular for the most disadvantaged populations; to enable talented young people among the most deprived to access higher education; and to revitalise and make attractive the departments of the Congo through the development of economic sectors.

Three years after the publication of this booklet, which is intended to be "an invitation to reflection but also and above all a call to action to diversify our economy and make our country more attractive", Denis Christel Sassou Nguesso was appointed to the post of Minister of International Cooperation and Promotion of Public-Private Partnership. He will officially take up his post on 21 May 2021.



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