



CHRISTOPHE BIZIMUNGU

Head of the Police Component (UNPOL)

The new head of the police component has a rich career of almost 30 years in the fields of reconstruction, building and guiding Rwandan state structures, and designing strategic policies and plans.

Police Commissioner Christophe Bizimungu started his professional career in January 1992 as a soldier. In 1994, he became a gendarme, following a common basic training at the National Gendarmerie School, then at the National Police Academy in Musanze, Rwanda.

In his country, Commissioner of Police Christophe Bizimungu has, in turn, held the positions of Chief of the Judicial Police, Prosecutor of the Military Courts, Regional Police Commander and Commissioner of the Criminal Investigation Department, Commander of the National Police School of Rwanda, and member of the Board of Directors of the Rwandan National Police. He participated in the design of the training policy and guidelines and contributed to the development and implementation of the security sector reform, which led to the creation of the Rwanda National Police in 2000. He has coordinated a dozen operations with Interpol.

With a Ph.D. in Criminal Law obtained in 2018, Commissioner Bizimungu has worked extensively in the justice sector of his country, including the reform and creation of the new military justice system. Among the projects under his responsibility are the general restoration of the law enforcement institution; the creation of a training and aptitude framework for police officers to manage the post-conflict situation. Later, he contributed to the national reform of the judicial sector, first as a lawyer and then as coordinator of the capacity-building policy in the National Gendarmerie and the Army.

Police Commissioner Christophe Bizimungu has obtained several certificates, notably from the International Peace Support Training Center in Nairobi, Kenya, and the International Institute of Humanitarian Law in San Remo, Italy. He has received other certifications in Rwanda including the United Naval Justice School detachment of international training, the National police academy in Musanze, the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, and the United States Defense institute of international legal studies. From October 2007 to September

2008, he completed a Master's degree in International Criminal Law at the University of Sussex, England. From 1994 to 1995, he was a Liaison Officer between the United Nations Assistance Mission to Rwanda (UNAMIR) and the Patriotic Army of Rwanda during the conflict and post-conflict periods.

The Police Commissioner has received several decorations, including that of exemplary police performance, a distinction awarded to only a dozen police officers since the creation of the Rwandan police.

Born in 1965, Police Commissioner Christophe Bizimungu is married and has four children.