



VISION STATEMENT BY LUC JS MISSIDIMBAZI

**CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF SECRETARY GENERAL
OF THE AFRICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION (ATU)**



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Biographical Note

Luc JS Missidimbazi,

Born in Brazzaville, he is a telecommunications engineer, a senior Congolese government official, and a committed advocate for digital development in Africa. For more than two decades, he has been working to build the digital ecosystem, both in the Congo and across the continent.

With a degree in Telecommunications Engineering from the University of Lille and a DUT in Industrial Computing from Paul Sabatier University in Toulouse, he began his career in France and then in Israel at major telecommunications companies (Alcatel, ECI Telecom, and Neuf Cegetel, which later became SFR). He then moved to the Congo, where he led the World Bank-funded Central African Backbone (CAB) strategic project, aimed at developing the regional digital backbone, strengthening connectivity, e-government, and the subregion's technological sovereignty.

After a career in the private sector as an engineer and key account manager for connectivity projects,

He subsequently held several high-level positions at the national level: Advisor to the Prime Minister, Head of Government (since 2016), President of the Universal Access Fund for Electronic Communications (FASUCE, since 2024), Director of New Information Technologies, Director of Broadband Markets, Director of Projects and Strategic Planning at ARPCE, President of the NGO PRATIC and several interministerial commissions, co-founder of the Congo-France Digital Club and several professional platforms.

He has made a significant contribution to the establishment of a connectivity framework in the subregion and has spearheaded several funding initiatives for the digital transformation of the Congo and the subregion.

As the organizer of the OSIANE Fair, which has become a major hub for Francophone and sub-regional digital innovation, he has helped bring together various communities (including the Central African Digital Agencies, the Internet Exchange Points Forum, and the Meeting of African Institutions). For two terms, he served as rapporteur for study groups of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) on the issue of broadband for developing countries. He has served as a member of ICANN's GAC, the AFPIF committee, and as a board member for several national and international institutions (Congo Telecom, the Digital Development Agency, the Single Window for Cross-Border Operations, the MTN Foundation, iDEA, etc.).

He has received several awards, including the Officer's Cross of the Order of Dedication. Luc MISSIDIMBAZI embodies a pan-African vision of digital technology that is inclusive, sovereign, and focused on performance and impact.

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Academic Degrees

- ✂ **Telecommunications Engineering** – University of Lille
- ✂ **DUT in Industrial Computing** – Paul Sabatier University, Toulouse
- ✂ **DEUG in Mathematics and Physics** – Marien Ngouabi University

Professional Certificates

- ✂ **Certificate « IA and Metavers »** – The Fisher Center, Berkeley University (2022)
- ✂ **Several vocational certificates.**

Career Path (Selection)

- ✂ **Advisor to the Prime Minister** (2016–present)
- ✂ **Acting President of FASUCE** (2024–present)
- ✂ **Director of Broadband Markets – ARPCE** (2019–2024)
- ✂ **Director of Projects and Strategic Planning – ARPCE** (2010–2019)
- ✂ **National Coordinator** – CAB Project (2010–2015)
- ✂ **Acting Director General of the National Directorate of New Technologies** (2015–2016)
- ✂ **Technical Advisor to the Minister of Telecommunications** (2015–2016)
- ✂ **Technical Advisor to the Minister of Technological Innovation** (2016–2017)
- ✂ **Acting Director General of Technological Innovation of the Congo**
- ✂ **Project Director– ECI Telecom** (2006–2010) **Israel–France**
- ✂ **Operations Manager** – Neuf Cegetel (2001–2005) France
- ✂ **Operations Manager** – Alcatel (1999–2001) France



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A Vision for the UAT

Vision, Priorities, and Strategies

A leading African telecommunications company committed to innovation and regional equity in support of Africa's digital future

"I firmly believe that Africa has the human, technical, and cultural resources to become a sovereign, inclusive, and united digital power."

My goal is to make the UAT a strategic driver of African digital sovereignty by focusing on four key priorities:

1. Universal Access and Digital Sovereignty

- ✦ Connectivity in remote areas
- ✦ Shared sovereignty over critical infrastructure, data, and services
- ✦ Development of harmonized national policies

2. Skills, Innovation, and Inclusion

- ✦ Continental Plan for African Digital Talent
- ✦ Support for Startups and SMEs
- ✦ Inclusion of Women, Youth, and People with Disabilities

3. Regulatory Cooperation and International Leadership

- ✦ Harmonization of regulatory frameworks
- ✦ Strengthening of regulatory bodies
- ✦ Active engagement by the UAT in global forums (Internet, AI, cybersecurity)

4. Commitment to serving Member States

- ✦ Transparent and equitable governance
- ✦ Balanced development of all regions
- ✦ Active engagement with member states

Key strategies:

- ✦ Proactive technology diplomacy
- ✦ Public-private cooperation
- ✦ Establishment of a Fund to Support African Digital Innovation



The Republic of the Congo's Contribution to Digital Development in Africa

1. General Background

The Republic of the Congo has gradually established itself as a key player in the digital sector across Central and Francophone Africa, by combining political vision, sector-specific diplomacy, pan-African innovation platforms, and transformative digital transformation projects.

This contribution extends beyond the national level and is fully aligned with the continental initiatives led by the African Union and its specialized agencies, notably the UAT.

2. Pan-African leadership and digital diplomacy

The Congo actively contributes to: African strategic initiatives and policy directions on telecommunications and digital technology;

and the development of common African positions on:

- 🔗 digital sovereignty,
- 🔗 Internet governance,
- 🔗 digital inclusion,
- 🔗 and bridging the digital divide.

This effort strengthens Central Africa's voice in continental and international digital forums.

3. OSIANE: a pan-African platform founded in the Congo

The Congo is the birthplace of the OSIANE International Fair, which in less than a decade has become a major pan-African event for digital technology and innovation;

a space for dialogue between:

- 🔗 African governments,
- 🔗 regulators,
- 🔗 startups,
- 🔗 universities, and technical and financial partners.

African Impact:

- 🔗 regular participation by stakeholders from several African countries;
- 🔗 networking among African digital ecosystems;
- 🔗 promotion of African solutions (GovTech, FinTech, EdTech, HealthTech).

4. Development of Digital Skills in Africa

Through initiatives launched from the Congo

- 🔗 including digital training programs,
- 🔗 hackathons,
- 🔗 and regional challenges,
- 🔗 as well as incubation and mentoring for African startups

the country is helping to strengthen Africa's digital human capital, particularly among young people and entrepreneurs. Many of these beneficiaries now operate beyond national borders, contributing to the continent's digital competitiveness.

5. Digital Transformation of the Government: Contributions to African Models

The Congo has launched sweeping reforms focused on:

- ✂ the digitization of public services,
- ✂ digital identity,
- ✂ public payment platforms,
- ✂ and the interoperability of government systems.

This work is regularly shared within African forums and contributes to the continent-wide discussion on:

- ✂ the digital state,
- ✂ public data governance,
- ✂ sovereign digital infrastructure.

6. Infrastructure and Regional Digital Integration

Through its investments in:

- ✂ fiber optics,
- ✂ cross-border interconnection,
- ✂ telecommunications networks,

The Congo is contributing to digital integration in Central Africa by facilitating:

- ✂ the regional flow of data,
- ✂ improved connectivity,
- ✂ and lower costs for Internet access.



UAT ELECTION:

Luc Missidimbazi receives official government support



It was in a solemn atmosphere filled with national pride that the official ceremony in support of Luc Missidimbazi's candidacy for the position of Secretary General of the African Telecommunications Union (ATU) for the 2026–2030 term was held on Thursday, October 23, in Brazzaville. Before an audience of political, diplomatic, and digital sector leaders, the founder of the International Digital and Innovation Fair of Africa (OSIANE) outlined his vision for the development of telecommunications on the African continent.

A pioneer in digital transformation, Luc Missidimbazi has established himself over the years as one of the leading figures in African digital cooperation. Through OSIANE, he has successfully brought together businesses, institutions, and young talent around a shared goal: to make digital technology a driver of growth and integration

By announcing his candidacy, he aims to build on this momentum on a larger scale, placing the African Telecommunications Union at the heart of the continent's digital strategy.

"This candidacy is not mine alone. It belongs to the Congo, to Central Africa, and beyond that, to all those who believe that technology can be a catalyst for unity, progress, and sovereignty on our continent. For too long, our region has not been represented at the helm of the African Telecommunications Union. Yet we know how essential geographic balance and diversity of experience are to building a strong and inclusive digital Africa. I therefore stand before you with humility, but also with the conviction that the time has come for Central Africa to make its contribution to continental and global leadership," **stated Luc JS Missidimbazi**

“I agreed to run for this position in part because the Congo has succeeded in creating an environment conducive to action and innovation. Under the leadership of government officials, our country has made digital technology a pillar of development and a tool for transforming society, with an impact on other countries,” **he continued.**

The candidate’s vision is based on four key pillars: enhancing the UAT’s visibility and strategy by strengthening its role in coordinating between African countries and international partners; accelerating capacity building through training, innovation, and the pooling of technical expertise; mobilizing sustainable and innovative financing to support infrastructure, inclusion, and cybersecurity projects; and making the UAT an open innovation platform, connecting governments, universities, startups, and the private sector to build a digitally sovereign Africa.

Scheduled for 2026, this election represents a major diplomatic and symbolic challenge: that of strengthening Central Africa’s presence in continental bodies and promoting Congolese expertise in the digital field.

Several official statements praised the candidate’s track record and his unwavering commitment to the continent’s digital transformation.

Messages of support also came from partner delegations, reflecting the regional impact of the project he is spearheading. Both technical and symbolic, this candidacy reflects a strong conviction in a connected, united Africa that is in control of its digital destiny.

“I therefore call on each of you, in your own way, to become ambassadors for this bid. For this is not an individual endeavor; it is a collective project aimed at building a connected, united, and prosperous Africa,” suggested **Luc Missidimbazi**

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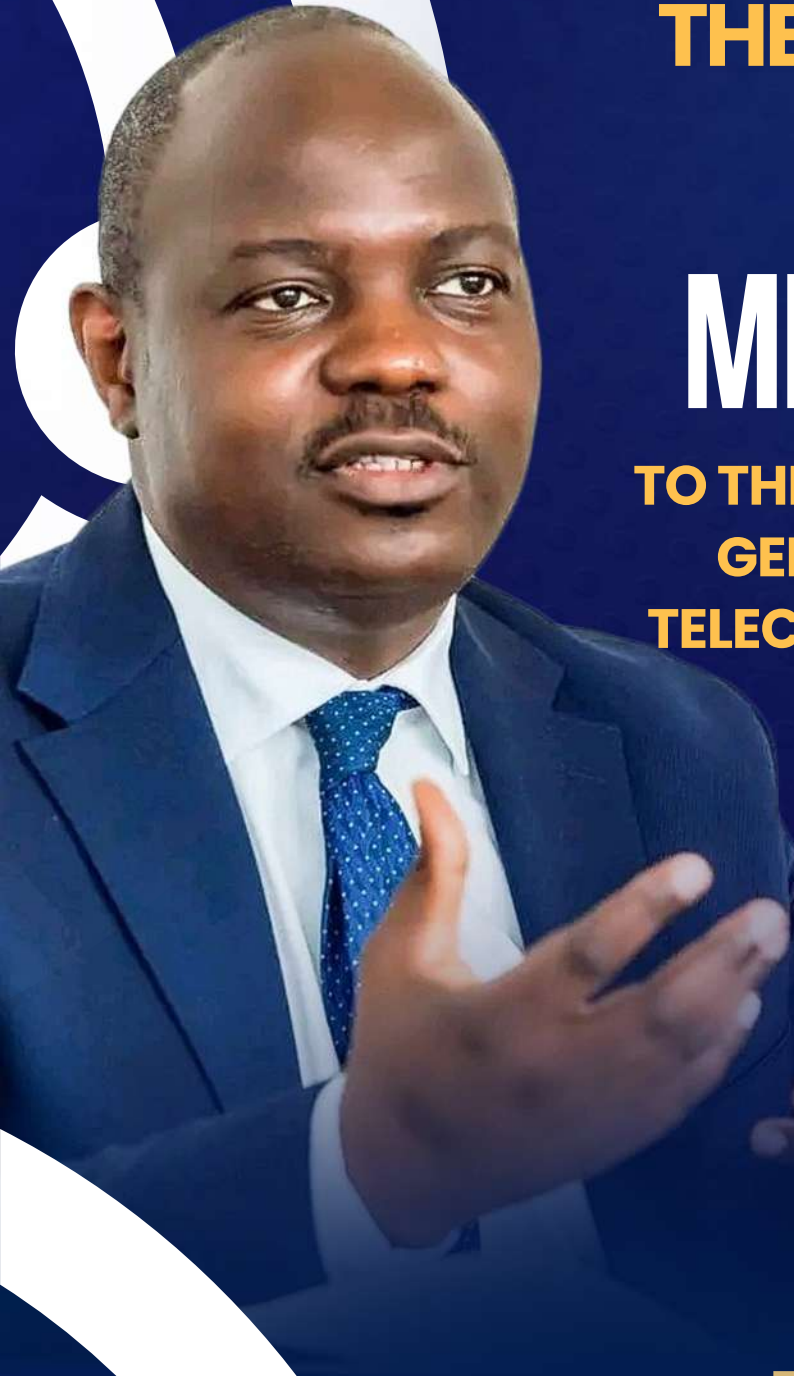


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