Programme Support and General Management Division (PSM)

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Célestin Monga, who is a Cameroonian national, joined UNIDO in January 2015 as the Managing Director of the Programme Support and General Management Division (PSM). UNIDO will benefit from his wide-ranging experience as an economist, author academic and scholar. Monga was the economics editor for the widely-acclaimed five-volume *New Encyclopedia of Africa* (Charles Scribner’s Publishers, 2007) and director of the two-volume *Oxford Handbook of Africa and Economics* (2015). He has also co-authored academic articles and policy reports with many of the world’s leading economists, including Ernest Aryeetey, Robert Barro, Olivier Blanchard, Justin Yifu Lin, Robert Solow, Joseph Stiglitz, and the late John Kenneth Galbraith. Monga has also written several books on the challenges of African modernity which have been translated into several languages.

Before joining UNIDO, Monga was the Senior Advisor for Structural Economic Transformation at the World Bank. He has also held various board and senior positions in academia, financial services and international development, including as a pro bono member of the advisory boards of the Sloan Fellows programme at the MIT’s Sloan School of Management, the Quantum Global Group, and the Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum (OMFIF). He began his career as an executive with Banque Nationale de Paris group in Cameroon, and has taught economics at Boston University and the University of Bordeaux. Monga holds graduate degrees from Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s (MIT) Sloan School of Management, the universities of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, Bordeaux and Pau (France). He was also a Mason Fellow at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government.

As the Managing Director for PSM, Monga’s main responsibilities are to provide strategic leadership to the branches and offices responsible for supporting the programmatic business of the organization, thus assisting the Director General to achieve the organization’s mission through the following five pillars:

- Further clarification of UNIDO’s strategy and direction in the framework of the post-2015 development agenda;
- Meeting the diversified demands of Member States at different stages of development;
- Strengthening and expanding partnerships;
- Enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness through an optimized structure; and
- Motivating staff to realize their full potential.