

### **Ambassador Smail Chergui**

African Union Commissioner for Peace and Security



Born on 4 September 1956 in Algeria

- 12 October 2013: Sworn in as Commissioner for Peace and Security of the African Union, replacing Ambassador Ramtane Lamamra, who was appointed as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Algeria on 11 September 2013
- 2008: appointed as the Algerian ambassador to the Russian Federation.
- Consul General in Geneva Switzerland
- 1997-2004: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Algeria to Ethiopia, Eritrea and Djibouti, where he played a major role in negotiating the Algiers Agreement that ended the Eritrean-Ethiopian War. During the same period he served as the Permanent Representative of Algeria to the Organisation of African Union (OAU), then the African Union (AU) and to the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA).
- 1980: started his diplomatic career with the Algerian Ministry of Foreign affairs after graduation from University. He has worked at the Algerian embassy in Morocco and at the Press Department of the Algerian Foreign Affairs ministry before heading the Foreign Minister's chancellery