



NURU PRESENTS

Main Character

CAMEROON

Philémon Yang





WHO IS HE ?



NAME

Philémon Yunji Yang

DATE OF BIRTH

14th June 1947

PLACE OF BIRTH

Jiketem Oku, Cameroon

OCCUPATION

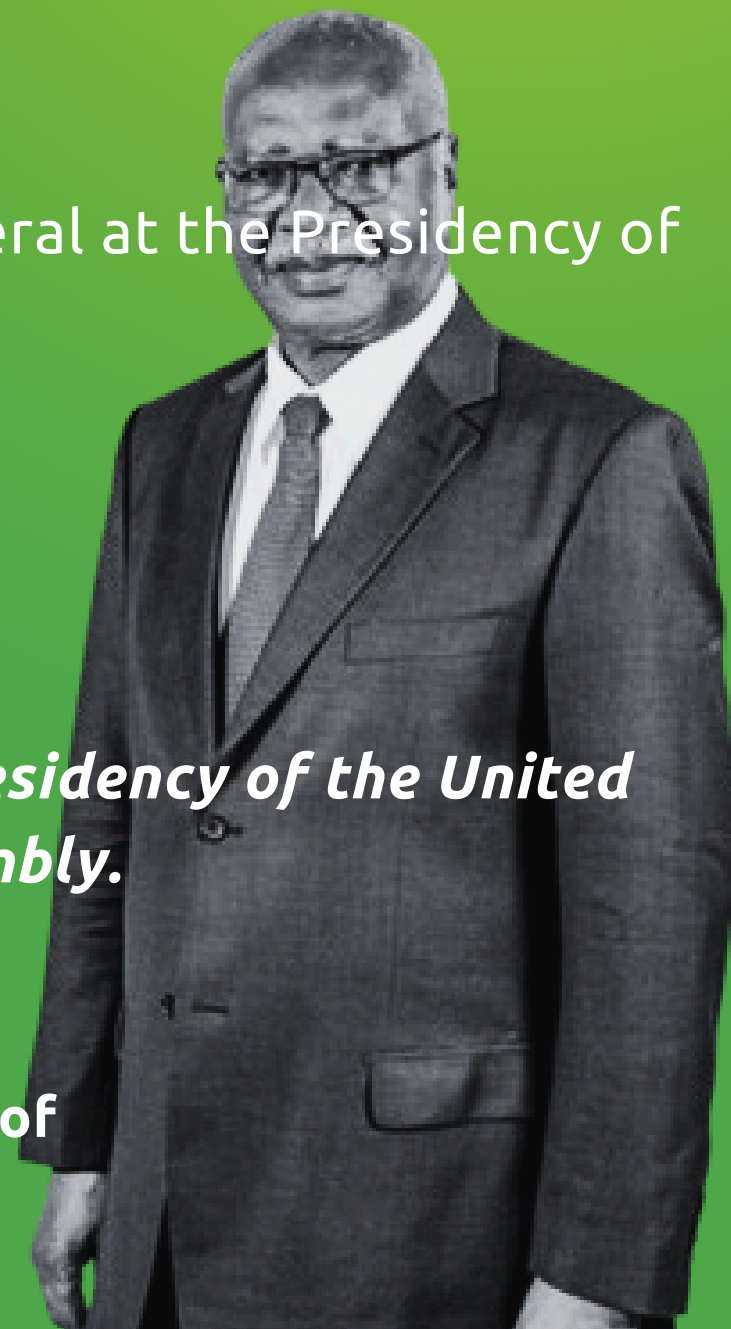
President of the 79th session of the UNGA, Former prime minister of Cameroon



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HIS CAREER



Philémon Yang is a seasoned **political figure of Cameroon**. He spent decades serving the government.



HIS BACKGROUND



Philémon Yang was born in Jikejem-Oku, in the western part of the country, which is also an **anglophone region**.

In 2017, during the outbreak of the **anglophone crisis** & while he was **Prime minister**, Philémon Yang was sent by Paul Biya to “spread a message of peace”.

His critics were very vocal on what they consider to be his failure to build peace in the region.

His career in politics started very early on, and he appears to **have always been on President Paul Biya’s side**. In 2011, he even was the **President’s campaign manager**.



Some sources go as far as calling him the President’s “lucky charm” (Jeune Afrique). He is said to play a big role in Paul Biya’s international strategy, as **he was ambassador of Cameroon in Canada for 20 years**.



HIS NOMINATION



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Approval of the **African Union Heads of State on February 18th**, during their meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

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Cameroon's **declaration of intent in July 2023** during the 23rd Ordinary Session of the Conference of Heads of State and Government of ECCAS*

1. *Economic Community of Central African States

Cameroon becomes the **13th African country to be appointed president of the United Nations General Assembly**, and the second one from Central Africa, the first one being Jean Ping (Gabon).

*"The president is empowered to enforce rules of procedure, such as opening debate, setting the agenda, limiting speaking times for representatives, and suspending or adjourning debate."
Council on Foreign Relations*