

## **HON. PROF. SAM ONGERI**

Hon. Prof. Sam Ongeru was born on 23rd February 1938

Boasting as one of the longest-serving politicians in the country, Prof. Ongeru is among the most respected politicians in Kenya today.

Throughout his 30 years in the country's political scene, Prof. Ongeru has served in nearly all top government offices in the country.

He started as a Medical Professor at the University of Nairobi, and slowly built one of the most distinguished careers in the country.

At one point, he served as Chairman of Athletics Kenya.

He later tried his hand in politics, winning the Nyaribari Masaba MP seat during the 1988 elections where he served until 1992.

From 1988 to 1992, he served in Cabinet as Minister for Technical and Vocational Education.

After losing the 1992 election, he was appointed Kenya's Special Representative to UNEP. Within the same period, he served as University of Nairobi Council Chairman.

Prof. Ongeru made a political comeback in 1997 but lost the seat in 2002 only to return in 2007. He would later serve as the Minister of Education and later Foreign Affairs in President Mwai Kibaki's government.

He contested the Kisii Senatorial seat in 2013 but lost to Chris Obure. He was later appointed by President Uhuru Kenyatta as Kenya's Ambassador to UN-HABITAT.

In 2017, he made a comeback, winning the Kisii Senate seat on an ODM ticket.

On 12 September 2012, Ogeri was among a Kenyan assignment meeting in Mogadishu with recently chose Somali President Hassan Sheik Mohamud, when two suicide planes and two shooters wearing government regalia endeavored an assault on the Jazeera Hotel where the authorities had assembled. There were allegedly around 10 losses, among which were three Somali security detail, one AU peacekeeper, and the aggressors themselves. None of the amassed statesmen were harmed. The Al-Shabaab activist gathering later asserted duty regarding the assaults.

### **SAM ONGERI EDUCATION BACKGROUND**

1959 – 1966: Graduate Student of T.W. Medical school, Bombay (MB,B.S)

1970 – 1972: Student of the University of London (Diploma in child health (DCH))

1971 – 1972: Student of University of London (M.R.C.P)

1973 – 1974: Student (Certificate of Immunology)

### **SAM ONGERI POLITICAL POSITION**

Current Political Position: Senator – Kisii County

Previous Political Positions

2012 – 2013: Minister of foreign affairs

2008 – 26th March 2012: Minister of Education

2008 – 4th March 2013: Member of Parliament for Nyaribari Masaba

2007 – 14th January 2013: Member of Kenya African National

Union

1998 – 2002: Member of Parliament for Nyaribari Masaba

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1989 – 1992: Member of Parliament for Nyaribari Masaba

1988 – 1992: Member of Kenya African National Union

1988 – 1992: Minister for technical training and applied technology of Cabin