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New IMF Resident Representative for Jamaica Takes Office

Dr. Constant Lonkeng Ngouana took office in Kingston today as the new Resident Representative of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Jamaica. He replaces Dr. Bert van Selm who ended his assignment as Resident Representative and has just returned to the IMF's headquarters in Washington DC.

"I look forward to working with the government of Jamaica and its gracious people on this portion of their economic reform marathon, and also hope to watch up-close the fastest sprinters on earth!" Dr. Lonkeng said.

Since joining the IMF in 2010 Dr. Lonkeng has worked in the African Department, the Institute for Capacity Development, and in the Fiscal Affairs Department. During 2014–15, he was the fiscal economist on the IMF Jamaica team. He has also participated in IMF technical assistance to Jamaica and Malaysia, as well as at the IMF-Singapore Training Institute. He was until recently the fiscal economist on the IMF Indonesia team and his work in the Fund has also covered other countries, including Germany and Japan.

Dr. Lonkeng holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Yaounde in Cameroon, a master's degree in international economics and development from the Economics School of Louvain, Belgium, and a PhD in economics from the University of Montreal, Canada. Before joining the IMF, he was a lecturer at the University of Montreal and had also served as statistician at the National Institute of Statistics of Cameroon.