## **BIOGRAPHY**

Aged 53, Hon. Edouard NDUWIMANA holds a licensing degree, obtained at the University of Burundi, Faculty of Law in 1993.

Since then, he has held several positions in the Ministry of Justice as a magistrate, then Prosecutor of the Republic from 1996 to 2004. After his long career as a magistrate, Hon. Edouard NDUWIMANA, since 2006, has held several political functions as: Senate Speaker's Senior Advisor in 2006, before being appointed Senate General Secretary in 2007.

In 2008, Hon. Edouard NDUWIMANA has been appointed Governor of Kayanza province, a position he has held for only one year, and appointed Minister of the Interior since the beginning of 2009 until the end of 2015.

After the 2015 elections, Hon. Edouard NDUWIMANA was elected deputy in his riding, then elected by the deputies as Vice-President of the National Assembly. November 2016 up to date, Hon. Edouard NDUWIMANA is the Mediator of the Republic of Burundi / Ombudsman of the Republic.

Hon. Edouard NDUWIMANA is a member of the African Ombudsman and Mediator Association (AOMA), of which he was the President in 2017.

He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the African Ombudsman Research Center (CROA).

In 2007, then Secretary General of the Senate, Edouard NDUWIMANA was elected Chair of the African Network of Personnel of Parliaments who bring together all the executives and agents working in African parliaments.

Hon. Edouard NDUWIMANA also holds a Doctoral degree Honoris Causa awarded by Commonwealth University of London.

Politician and Lawyer, Hon Edouard NDUWIMANA has contributed to the improvement of the business climate in his country and is among the writers of the laws such as those relating to the Burundi Investment Code, Burundi Mining Code. Then Minister of the Interior, he initiated several reforms including that on communal taxation.