Dr. Asha-Rose Migiro of Tanzania took office as Deputy Secretary-General on 1 February 2007. Before her appointment, she had a distinguished record of public and academic service in Tanzania. She was the first woman to serve as Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (in 2006 and 2007) and was Minister for Community Development, Gender and Children for five years.

As foreign minister, she played a prominent role in the international efforts to bring peace, security and development in Africa’s Great Lakes Region. She chaired the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Ministerial Committee of the Organ on Politics, Defense and Security Cooperation and President of the UN Security Council during its open debate on peace, security and development in the Great Lakes Region.

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