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Ms. Elsie N. Effange-Mbella is a career Diplomat from Cameroon currently ranked Minister Plenipotentiary of Foreign Affairs. She has well-grounded expertise as a high-level policy formulator including entrenched skills in security and administration, gender equality and women's empowerment, rights advocacy, projects planning, management and coordination for the benefit of vulnerable populations.

In 1992, as chairperson of the Commission for Social Development, she negotiated the adoption by the United Nations General Assembly at its Forty-Eighth session of the United Nations Standard Rules for the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities.

She has also served the United Nations in Cote D'Ivoire, as UNICEF Regional Adviser for Women's Development, West and Central Africa (1994-1996); Protocol and External Relations Officer/Gender Adviser and Assistance to Victims, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (1999-2008); Senior Gender Adviser, United Nations Stabilisation Mission for the Democratic Republic of Congo, MONUSCO (October 2008-2013), and Director, Civil Affairs Division, United Nations Intergrated Stabilization Mission for Mali, MINUSMA (2014-2017). Currently provides advice to government of Cameroon on Women and Youths participation in peacebuilding. Also Executive Committee Member for planning First International Academic Conference on Decade of Action on UN-SDGs and Why it Matters , WIM 22., Orem Utah, 5-7 October 2022.

A family oriented person, she has two children, Robert Johnson Effange and Elsie Ngowo Effange.