

Elias Pungong – Media Profile

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The Power Behind the Vision

Elias Pungong’s journey is powered by a force that goes beyond markets: a vision of transformation rooted in dignity, sovereignty, and service. Born in western Cameroon and proudly Anglophone, Elias lives by a principle inherited from his faith and family:

“Empower your neighbour.” This motto guides his every move—from boardrooms to diplomatic circles.

Over the past 25 years, Elias has worked at the crossroads of industry, public policy, and continental strategy. A former Senior Partner at PwC and EY, he helped shape national frameworks across 19 African countries. Honoured as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum, he has led major energy deals, advised heads of state, and launched a Gas-to-Liquid firm active in five African countries.

Today, as UK Honorary Consul in Douala and Non-Executive Chairman of British American Tobacco and other boards, he continues to align capital, diplomacy, and development in service of Africa’s energy transformation.

Professional Bio

Elias Pungong is a leader driven by energy—the kind that powers industries, sparks transformation, and redefines the future. Educated at Oxford, Harvard, and Yale, he also holds a Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA) from IPE Management School Paris, where his research focused on renewable energy as a driver of economic development in Cameroon.

With over two decades of experience in the extractive and energy sectors, Elias combines global vision with deep continental expertise. His work bridges private investment and public interest, ensuring that growth benefits both markets and communities.

Publications

- Africa and the Winds of Climate Change (2022)
- From Resources to Power: The Global Race for Africa’s Critical Minerals (forthcoming, 2025)



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