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Paul Nsapu is a human rights activist and president of a Congolese NGO, *Ligue des électeurs*. When President Mobutu announced a more open policy on 24 April 1990, Paul Nsapu ended his clandestine activities and six days later co-founded the *Ligue des électeurs*.

But repression by the Congolese security services and the authorities led to the assassination of human rights defenders, political opponents, journalists, etc. After receiving death threats and being arrested several times because of his activities, he and his family left DRC and moved to Belgium in 2006. Members of his family, even today, are punished because of his efforts to ensure respect for human rights in DRC.

As president of the Board of Directors of the *Ligue des électeurs*, an affiliate of the FIDH, at the 38th FIDH Congress held in May 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey, he was elected Secretary general for the third consecutive time since 2007.

Paul Nsapu is a reputed African expert in issues related to elections. He participated, inter alia, in FIDH fact-finding to Ivory Coast and Mali.