



## **Averof Neofytou - Former President of the Democratic Rally**

Averof Neofytou was born in Argaka, in the District of Paphos, on 31/7/1961.

After completing his secondary education at the Gymnasium of Polis Chrysochou, he studied Economics and Accountancy at N.Y.I.T. University, in Long Island, New York.

In 1991 was elected as Mayor of Polis Chrysochou, a post which he held until 1996 when he was elected DISY MP for Paphos.

He was appointed Minister of Communications and Works on 25 August 1999. He served the Ministry until 28 February 2003.

On 25 May 2003 was elected Deputy President of the Democratic Rally.

On May 2006, May 2011, May 2016 and May 2021 he was re-elected as Member of the House of Representatives.

On May 2013 he was elected as President of the Democratic Rally party, following the election of Mr. Nicos Anastasiades to the Presidency of the Republic. He was re-elected as President of the party for a second term in May 2018. He served as party President until the end of his term in March 2023.

He served as Chairman of the House Standing Committee on Foreign and European Affairs between 2011 until 2016. He also served as the Chairman of the House Standing Committee on Financial and Budgetary Affairs between 2016 and 2018.

He is also the leader of the Cypriot delegation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and a member of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly (EMPA).

He is married to Maria Selipa and has one son, Pericles.