

Richard (Chalks) Corriette – Director General, People to People International

Chalks Corriette is a global community builder and international change manager, currently serving as Director General of People to People International (PTPI), based in Brussels.

He brings a genuinely global perspective shaped by his Dominican heritage, British education, and professional life across multiple countries, now calling Belgium home. In PTPI's 70-year history, Chalks is the first non-American to lead the organisation, marking an important step in its continued global evolution.

Chalks developed his career with DHL, where he worked across business, IT, and communications functions, contributing to globally deployed programmes and operating at senior leadership level. This experience built a strong foundation in execution, systems thinking, and cross-cultural coordination in complex international environments.

Today, he leads the post-pandemic rebuilding and modernisation of PTPI as a global platform for citizen diplomacy. The organisation is active across multiple continents, with chapters and initiatives spanning Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Americas, engaging thousands of participants through youth mobility, education, and community-led peacebuilding projects.

A key strategic priority is to rebuild PTPI's global footprint, with the ambition of returning to a presence in over 160 countries, reflecting the organisation's historical reach while adapting to a modern, network-driven world.

Under his leadership, PTPI is focused on structured growth, strengthened governance, and long-term sustainability. This includes developing scalable programmes such as youth mobility pathways, expanding strategic partnerships, and building a stable financial base through diversified funding and donor engagement.

Chalks is known for combining energy with clarity, and for creating environments where people from all backgrounds can connect with purpose and mutual respect.

Outside of his professional work, he is deeply engaged in community building through movement and music, teaching Zumba and Salsa as a way of bringing people together across cultures.

He lives in Belgium with his wife, two children, and their dogs.