

Biography of Prof. Leonce Ndikumana



Leonce Ndikumana, is a Burundian Professor of Economics and specialist in African economy development, macroeconomics, external debt and capital flight

He got his bachelor's degree in economics at the University of Burundi in 1986. He became a lecturer in 1987 and finally Director of Finance and Administration at the same university. In 1992, he got a Master's in Economics and in 1996 his doctorate at the Washington University in St. Louis, USA. He is currently Distinguished Professor of Economics and Director of the Africa Development Program at the Institute of Research at Political Economy Research Institute (PERI) at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in the United States.

Ndikumana is particularly interested in the macro-economic policy and in Africa economy. He focuses his career on the causes of weak African economies, its consequences and solutions needed.^[3] He is a member of the United Nations Development Policy Committee. He served as Director of Research and Operations of the African Development Bank (2008–2011), and Head of macroeconomic analysis at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA or Economic Commission for Africa), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 2006 to 2008. He specializes on external debt and capital flight, financial markets and growth, and macroeconomic policies for growth and employment with a focus on the Africa.

Léonce Ndikumana career focuses primarily on African economy development, macroeconomic theory, and money and banking. It examines the extent, causes and effects the flight of capital from African countries. He has co-written with James K Boyce research published in several journals: International Review of Applied Economics, African Development Review, Development and Change, Journal of Development Studies and World Development. His préoccupations on macroeconomics are also published in journals such as American Economic Review, Journal of Post Keynesian Economics, and Journal of African Economies.

Ndikumana is also author of several works. In *La dette odieuse de l'Afrique* (Amalion, 2013), co-written with James K. Boyce, Ndikumana reveals that, contrary to popular perception that Africa depends on financial resources of the West,^[18] the continent is actually a net creditor to the rest of the world.