

# 2021 Combined Forum for Ministers of Finance and of Planning, Secretaries to Treasury / Permanent Secretaries of Finance and of Planning and Central Bank Governors from the MEFMI region

Theme: Macroeconomic Management During COVID-19 Pandemic

**Date: Monday 11 October 2021** 

Time: 14:00 – 16:20 (CAT)

**Venue: Virtual Meeting – Zoom** 



# **2021 Combined Forum Programme**

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TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER	MODERATOR
14:00 14:15	Welcome and Introductions	<b>Dr. Louis Kasekende</b> MEFMI Executive Director	Gladys Siwela MEFMI PR Manager
14:15 14:45	Key note address	Rt. Hon. Dr. Edouard Ngirente Prime Minister of the Republic of Rwanda	Prof. Florens Luoga, Governor, Bank of Tanzania & Chairman MEFMI Board of Governors
14:45 15:35	Impact of COVID- 19 on Africas' Economic Development: The result of unfinished Reform Agenda	<b>Dr. Donald Kaberuka</b> Chairman and Managing Partner of SouthBridge, & Emeritus President, African Development Bank (2005 – 2015)	<b>Dr. Adelaide R Matlanyane</b> Governor, Central Bank of Lesotho
		Floor discussion	
15:35 15:45	HEALTH BREAK		
15:45 16:15	Emerging Risks and Challenges in the COVID era: Policy Options for Stability and sustainable growth in Eastern and Southern Africa	<b>Mr. Lesetja Kganyago</b> Governor, South African Reserve Bank	Hon. Amos Lugoloobi, Uganda Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development
		Floor discussion	
16:15 V 16:20	ote of Thanks	Mr. George T Guvamatanga Zimbabwe Secretary for Finance & Economic Development	Gladys Siwela MEFMI PR Manager

**English to Portuguese simultaneous** translation and vice versa available

































Since August 30 2017, Rt.Hon.Dr. Edouard Ngirente is the Prime Minister of the Republic of Rwanda.

Prior to his appointment, he occupied different positions including; Senior Advisor to the World Bank Executive Director (2017); Advisor to the World Bank Executive Director (from 2011 to 2017); Senior Economic Advisor to the Rwandan Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning; Director General of National Development Planning and Research in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning; Senior Lecturer at the National University of Rwanda, among others.

Rt.Hon.Dr. Ngirente holds a PhD in Economics from the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium (UCL) and a Master's degree (MSc) in Agricultural Economics from the same university.

He also holds a Master's degree (MA) in Financial Risk Management from the Facultés Universitaires Saint-Louis in Belgium and a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the National University of Rwanda.



**Dr. Louis A. Kasekende**MEFMI Executive Director.

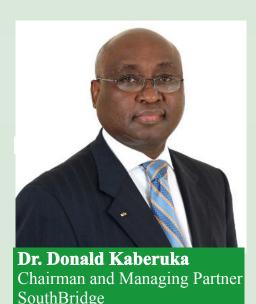
Dr. Louis A. Kasekende joined MEFMI on 1 April 2021 as the Executive Director. Prior to joining MEFMI, Dr. Kasekende served as Deputy Governor at the Bank of Uganda for the periods December 1999 to May 2002. December 2004 to May 2006 and January 2010 to January 2021. These periods were interspersed with service at the World Bank as an Executive Director and at the AFDB as The Chief

Before appointment as Deputy Governor in 1999, Dr. Kasekende also served for 13 years at the Bank of Uganda and several positions including that of Director Research and Executive Director of Research and Policy.

Dr. Kasekende holds a PhD and Master of Arts in Econometrics from the University of Manchester and a Bachelors degree in Economics from Makerere University.

He has authored several articles in academic journals and books.

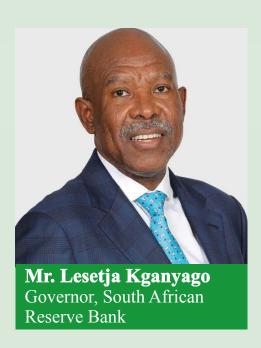
Dr. Kasekende is a member of the Rotary Club of Kampala North.



Dr. Donald Kaberuka is the Chairman and Managing Partner at SouthBridge, Emeritus President, African Development Bank (2005 – 2015), Special Envoy of the African Union on Financing, the Peace Fund and COVID - 19 response and Former Minister of Finance and Economic Planning, Rwanda (1997 – 2005).

A Rwandan economist and former Finance Minister, Dr. Kaberuka is the 7<sup>th</sup> President of the African Development Bank (2005-2015). He is credited for expanding the reach and impact of AFDB, Africa's premier financial institution during his two terms as President.

Kaberuka is currently the African Union High Representative for Financing, the Peace Fund and COVID - 19 response. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of several organisations and think tanks including the Rockefeller Foundation, Center for Global Development, the Mo Ibrahim Foundation, The Brookings Institution and the London School of Economics. He serves on the International Advisory Council of Standard Chartered Bank and Co-Chair of Council on State Fragility. He was also nominated in 2017 to Chair the panel on the third External Evaluation of the International Monetary Fund. Since retiring from the African Development Bank, he is Chairman and Managing Partner of South Bridge a financial and investment advisory firm which he co-founded. He was elected in 2019 as Chair of the Board of The Global Fund to Fight HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria.



Mr. Lesetja Kganyago was appointed Governor of the South African Reserve Bank with effect from 9 November 2014.

He had been a Deputy Governor of the South African Reserve Bank since May 2011. In this role, he was responsible for a wide range of areas, including Research, Financial Stability, Bank Supervision, Financial Regulatory Reform (including introducing the Twin Peaks regulatory structure), Financial Surveillance (including taking responsibility for the regulation of cross-border flows), Risk Management and Compliance, and what was then called the South African Reserve Bank College (now the South African Reserve Bank Academy).

Governor Lesetja Kganyago has more than 20 years of experience in formulating and implementing public policy, having spent this time in both the central bank and National Treasury. He has wide-ranging experience in Macroeconomic Policy, Financial Sector Policy, Public Finance, International Finance, Public Debt Management, and Financial Markets. During his tenure as Director-General of National Treasury, he successfully steered several public finance and financial market reforms. He played a leading role in the fundamental reform of the microstructure of domestic bond markets, including reforms to the auction system and the introduction of new financial instruments such as inflation-linked bonds, buy-backs, switches, and STRIPS. During his time at National Treasury, a fundamental reform in the management of the national debt portfolio was completed.

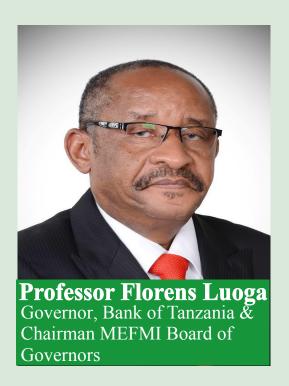
Governor Lesetja Kganyago has led South Africa's technical team to various G20 Ministers of Finance and Central Bank Governors meetings and summits, including the Inaugural Summit in 2008. He has chaired the IMF/World Bank Development Committee Deputies and the G20 Working Group on IMF Governance Reform; he was also the vice-chair of the Financial Stability Board's Standing Committee on Standards Implementation for a period of four years.

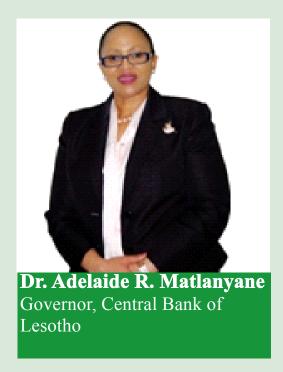
Currently, Governor Lesetja Kganyago chairs the Committee of Central Bank Governors of the Southern African Development Community and is the co-chair of the Financial Stability Board's Regional Consultative Group for Sub-Saharan Africa. He now chairs the Financial Stability Board's Standing Committee on Standards Implementation.

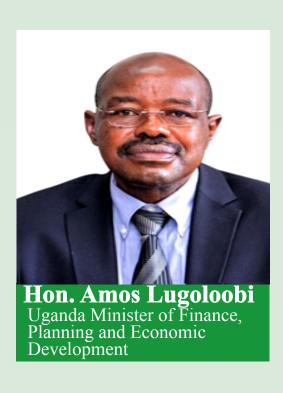
He was appointed as the International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC) Chairman effective 18 January 2018 for a period of 3 years. The IMFC, comprising Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors, is the primary advisory body of the IMF Board of Governors and deliberates on the principal policy issues facing the IMF.

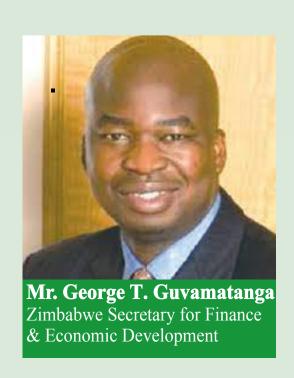
Governor Lesetja Kganyago holds a Master of Science degree in Development Economics from London University (School of Oriental and African Studies) and a Bachelor of Commerce degree in Accounting and Economics from the University of South Africa.

# **SESSION MODERATORS**









## **RAPPORTEURS**





## **DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES**



