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Biography:

Dr. Hippolyte Fofack is a Professional and Research Economist with the World Bank Group in Washington DC. A native of Cameroon, Central Africa, Dr. Fofack holds an Advanced Degree in International Economics and Finance from the University of Bordeaux, France, as well as a Master degree in Mathematical Statistics and a PhD in Applied Mathematics and Economics from American University, Washington, DC.

Dr. Fofack has more than 15 years of experience in academia and international development. He is currently responsible for the Macroeconomic and Growth Program at the World Bank Institute, the knowledge and research arm of the World Bank Group. Previously, he served as Senior Country Economist for the Great Lakes Region of Africa and Researcher with the Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Network. He has also taught and delivered lectures at various institutions around the world, including Brandeis University, American University, the African Development Bank, the Third World Academy of Sciences, the African Academy of Sciences and the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences. His interest is primarily in financial economics, development economics, endogenous growth, science and technology.

Mr. Fofack is the Founder of the **Nelson Mandela Institution for Knowledge Building and the Advancement of Science and Technology in Sub-Saharan Africa**, a ground-breaking African initiative underpinned by the **African Institute of Science and Technology**. These institutions seek to enhance the development of Africa by promoting excellence in science and engineering.

Mr. Fofack has published extensively and is a member of some leading professional and scientific organizations, including the American Economic Association, the African Finance and Economic Association and the American Mathematical Society. He is also a **Fellow of the African Academy of Sciences**.