

# Africa Day 2023



**Africa's Transformative Global Political Economy: Challenges and Opportunities**



## LUNCHEON & CONFERENCE 11:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Venue: UMass Boston, Campus Center, Room 3540

### A CONVERSATION ON AFRICA'S 21ST CENTURY ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION



#### Carlos Lopes

Former Secretary General, Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) & Honorary Professor at the Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance



#### Rita Kiki Edozie

Interim Dean, McCormack Graduate School, and Professor of Global Governance & International Relations  
Moderator

### THE AFRICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT: WILL IT TRANSFORM THE AFRICAN GLOBAL ECONOMY?



#### Leonce Ndikumana

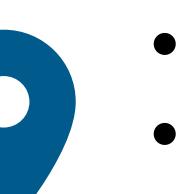
Distinguished Professor & Director, African Development Policy Program, University of Massachusetts, Amherst



**Friday, March 31, 2023**



**11:30 AM - 8:00 PM**



- UMass Boston, Campus Center, Room 3540
- Edward Kennedy Institute, Lobby
- Virtual Option (On Zoom )

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## GALA RECEPTION 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Venue: Edward M. Kennedy Institute, Lobby

### Keynote Address

### POSITIONING AFRICA'S CREATIVE SECTOR: THE CASE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA'S ORA LOAPI



#### Lerato Motshwarakgole

Entrepreneur & Founder, ORA LOAPI

### DJ, Networking, Food & Drink



#### Obioma Fashion Show

Obioma is a fashion company that mixes African fashion with Western fashion.



#### Africa Dance Troupe & DJ

Dance Performance by the African Students Union (ASU). ASU was formed to unify African students and mobilize the UMass Boston community towards a substantive discussion of the continent.

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