

2019

OECD International Tax Conference

June 3-4, 2019 • Washington, DC



Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala is an economist and international development expert with over 30 years of experience. She is Chair of the Board of Gavi, the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation. She is also Senior Adviser at Lazard and sits on the Boards of Standard Chartered PLC and Twitter Inc., and serves on the Governing Board of the OECD/UNDP Tax Inspectors Without Borders Initiative.

Previously, Dr. Okonjo-Iweala served twice as Nigeria's Finance Minister, from 2003-2006, 2011-2015, and briefly as Foreign Minister, the first woman to hold both positions. She spent a 25-year career at the World Bank as a development economist, rising to the No.2 position of Managing Director, overseeing an \$81 billion operational portfolio in Africa, South Asia, Europe and Central Asia.

Dr. Okonjo-Iweala has been ranked by *Fortune* as one of the 50 Greatest World Leaders in 2015, by *Forbes* as one of the Top 100 Most Powerful Women in the World consecutively for four years, by *Time* as one of the Top 100 Most Influential People in the World in 2014, and by the UK *Guardian* as one of the Top 100 Women in the World in 2011.

Dr. Okonjo-Iweala holds a bachelor's in economics from Harvard University and a PhD in Regional Economics and Development from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She has received honorary degrees from 14 universities including the University of Pennsylvania, Yale, Brown and Trinity College, Dublin. She is the author of numerous articles on finance and development, and several books including *Fighting Corruption is Dangerous: The Story Behind the Headlines* (MIT Press, 2018) and *Reforming the Unreformable: Lessons from Nigeria* (MIT Press, 2012).