

Brief Bio: - Dr. Olivier Kamanzi

Dr. Olivier Kamanzi is a Capital Markets and International Financial Sector Development Expert, Inspirational Speaker, and Philanthropist. Dr. Kamanzi is the Co-Founder and Chairman of the Africa Global Chamber of Commerce based in Chicago. Dr. Kamanzi is Founder and CEO of Globrock Group, a holding of companies comprising of Globrock Financial, Globrock Trade, and Globrock Technologies, Dr. Kamanzi is a former Deputy CEO of the Capital Market Authority of Rwanda and Rwanda Stock Exchange. With a background as a Senior Investment Specialist at Citigroup (Citibank) and an Executive employee at JPMorgan Chase, his expertise has left an indelible mark on the financial sector.

Recently, Dr. Kamanzi was appointed by the Governor of the Illinois State JB Pritzker as Commissioner/Member to the Business Enterprise Council (BEP Council) – Implementer of the Commission of Equity and Inclusion (CEI). BEP Council was created to implement, monitor, and enforce the goals of the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act (BEP Act). BEP Council actively seek to enhance diversity and inclusion within State contracting.

A champion of philanthropy, Dr. Kamanzi is the Founder and Chairman of The Olivier Kamanzi Foundation (OKF), a public charitable organization. He also serves on several boards. He is the President of the Board of Saint Sabina Academy, an affiliate of Saint Sabina Catholic Church in Chicago.

Dr. Kamanzi played a pivotal role in establishing the Rwandan capital markets industry, contributing to the creation of the Rwanda Capital Market Authority and Rwanda Stock Exchange. His visionary initiatives include the development of policies for the East Africa Regional Financial Market Infrastructure, Regional Capital Markets harmonization and integration, and development of the concept of the Rwanda Financial Centre (Hub) to transform Rwanda into an international financial destination.

A distinguished scholar, Dr. Kamanzi holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy in Organizational Leadership and Entrepreneurship, specializing in Entrepreneurship and Innovation, from the University of Arizona Global Campus. He earned an MBA in Finance from Ashford University and a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Fribourg in Switzerland.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Dr. Kamanzi is passionate about running, reading, and community service. He actively mentors youth, conducts financial literacy classes, and teaches a Stock Market Program to 8th graders. His insights have reached diverse audiences through various media platforms (BBC, VOA, MSNBC Africa, Nation, WVOA, etc.), and he has published a book on leadership in Africa, along with multiple articles on AfCFTA, Covid-19, financial matters, and leadership.