

## Arkebe Oqubay

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Dr Arkebe Oqubay is a minister and special advisor to the prime minister of Ethiopia. He is the former mayor of Addis Ababa, and pioneered the transformation of the city under his leadership. In recognition of this, he was awarded 'The Best African Mayor of 2006' by ABN, and was a finalist for the award of World Mayor of 2006. Dr Arkebe serves as chair of the board for many leading public organisations. He serves as the chair of the board of the Ethiopian Railway Corporation (ERC), and vice-chair of the board of Ethiopian Airlines (EAL). He is the coordinator of the National Export Coordinating Committee (NECC), and is a member of the Ethiopian Investment Board (EIB), which are both chaired by the prime minister. Dr Oqubay has been a member of the core leadership of TPLF and EPRDF, the movement that spearheaded the seventeen-year popular liberation struggle. He holds a PhD in development studies from SOAS, University of London, and is research associate at the Centre of African Studies in the University of London. His recent authored *Made in Africa: Industrial Policy in Ethiopia* is published by Oxford University Press.