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World Bank Senior Economist, Dr. Hippolyte Fofack to Present Keynote Address at Tougaloo College's Nineteenth Annual Business Luncheon

Tougaloo, Miss. — Dr. Hippolyte Fofack, senior economist with the World Bank, will be in town on February 23 to present the keynote address at the 19th Annual Tougaloo College Business Luncheon. The event will take place at 11:45 a.m. at the Jackson Hilton Hotel on East County Line Road.

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

Beverly W. Hogan, president of Tougaloo College, says, “ We are delighted to have Dr. Fofack address the Business Luncheon. The world is, indeed, becoming smaller, and we are continually preparing our students to become leaders in this global society. Dr. Fofack’s experience in international economics should be relevant to educators, students and business leaders alike.”

Founded in 1869, Tougaloo College is a private, historically black, coeducational four-year liberal arts institution, located on the northern edge of Jackson, Mississippi. Known nationally as “The Cradle of the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi,” the College is led by its first female and 13th president, Dr. Beverly Wade Hogan. Dr. Hogan is a 1973 graduate of the College and a native Mississippian. Under her visionary leadership, the College has increased its enrollment by 12% and boasts a student retention rate of 68%.

Tougaloo College ranks among the top 50 U.S. institutions whose graduates earn PhDs in science and engineering disciplines and among the top 15 historically black colleges and universities in the graduation of females with undergraduate degrees in the physical sciences. The College has produced more graduates who have completed their PhD degrees through the UNCF-Mellon Doctoral Fellowship Program than any other institution in the nation.

Listed as one of the Best Colleges in the Southeast by The Princeton Review (2007 edition) and the only Mississippi institution ranked among the top 20 liberal arts institutions in the nation by Washington Monthly, 66% of its graduates enter professional and graduate schools immediately after graduation. Tougaloo College is the leading producer of African American health professionals, including over 40% of the physicians and dentists, practicing in the state of Mississippi. Among its graduates are more than one-third of the state's African American attorneys and educators including teachers, principals, school superintendents, college/university faculty and administrators.