

Profile of Prof Ravinder Rena

Professor, Dr Ravinder Rena is a profound academician and distinguished scholar in economics, writer, editor, adviser, motivational speaker, and public intellectual with over 31 years of teaching and research experience in Asia-Pacific, Africa, and European continents. He has been an independent consultant and training expert. Prof Rena is currently working as Professor of Economics, at Faculty of Management Sciences, Durban University of Technology (DUT), Durban, Republic of South Africa. He serves as a Visiting Professor at the Academy of Engineering and Management, People's Friendship (RUDN) University, Moscow, Russia. He also serves as a Visiting Professor at the Department of World Economy, Faculty of Economics, Saint Petersburg State University, Russia. He also serves as an Adjunct Professor of Economics at Monarch Business School, Monarch University, Hagenhorn, Zug, Switzerland and as an Adjunct Professor at the Department of Entrepreneurship and Business Management, Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT), Cape Town, South Africa. Further, he works as a Visiting Professor for many Indian Universities notably Sanjivani Business School, Kopergoan, Maharashtra; the Sri Sri University, Cuttack; and a Distinguished Professor at the Sparsh Global Business School, New Delhi.

Besides, Prof Rena serves as the Honorary Country Director – South Africa for the International Internship University (IIU) and Igniting Dreams of Young Minds (IDYM) Global University, India. He acts as President – South Africa for the Yes You Can International (YCCI), UK. He also serves as the Global President – Economic Affairs, of the All India Sustainable Development Council (AISDC). He is an Advisor to the Vridhee Innovations Private Ltd.

Previously, he worked as a Professor of Economics and Internationalization Project Leader at the NWU Business School, North-West University, South Africa. He served as a Professor of Economics at the Department of Economics, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa. He also served as a Professor and the Coordinator, of the Joint African Master's Programme (JAMP), Harold Pukewitz Graduate School of Business at the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST). He also worked as the Head of Economics, the Department of Business Studies, at the Papua New Guinea University of Technology, Papua New Guinea. He also served as Professor at the Eritrea Institute of Technology, Asmara, Eritrea.

Prof. Rena earned his PhD from the Department of Economics, Osmania University, Hyderabad, India, with the achievement of the University Gold Medal (for the Best PhD candidate/ thesis in the field of Economics/ Commerce/ Business Management). He obtained his M.A., B.Ed., M.Phil., PhD from Osmania University and B.A., and LL.B., from Kakatiya University, Warangal, India.

He has bagged many awards and prizes, to name a few he obtained *Ekalavya* Award-2023 by the International Council for Education, Research and Training (ICERT), New Delhi India. He received the Olympus International Award (OIASA) -2023 for Human Empowerment. He also received the prestigious Best Researcher Award from the Durban University of Technology in 2022 and 2023 with Gold medal. He also got the Best Researcher 2011 from Namibia University of Science and Technology and is also the recipient of the

esteemed Award -Man of the Year 2012 which was bestowed upon him by the American Biographic Institute (ABI), USA. Prof Rena has won several national and international awards and accolades throughout his career. Based on his extraordinary research contributions, the American Historical Society, USA has enlisted his profile in the World Who is Who International. He serves as the Chairman of the Panel of Judges for Economics of the Global Undergraduate (UA) Award based in Dublin, Ireland, United Kingdom. He wrote 10 books and published more than 150 articles in reputed National and International peer-reviewed Journals and 50 book chapters to his credit. Besides, he has published more than 150 articles in Newspapers Magazines, and Websites and presented over 60 papers at national and international conferences and seminars. He visited more than 300 colleges and Universities across the globe. Prof Rena's Profile was featured in the Global Achievers magazine in July 2021 as one of the **top 10 Social leaders** who inspire, and his interview and research work has been featured in leading media outlets across the globe. He is also one of the resource persons for the BRICS research forums/ international conferences in South Africa, India, Brazil, and Russia.

Prof Rena is currently serving as an Editor of *The Economics and Finance Letters* Journal by published by Conscientia Beam. He also serves as an **Associate Editor, The Bottom Line (TBL) (Q1 Scopus)**, Journal published by the Emerald, UK and *Journal of Liberty and International Affairs* published by the Institute for Research and European Studies. All these Journals indexed in Scopus and Web of Science. He is the founding Editor-In-Chief of the International Journal of Education Economics and Development (IJEED) published by Inderscience, UK. He previously served as an Associate Editor of the African Journal of Science, Technology, Innovation and Development (AJSTID) published by Taylor and Francis UK and currently serves on the Journal's Advisory Board. These two Journals are IBSS and Scopus-indexed Journals. He serves as an Editor and Editorial Board Member for more than 35 reputed Journals. He has been a Keynote Speaker/Resource person for more than 200 national and international conferences in Europe, America, Africa, and the Asian continents. As of June 2024, his author rank is 6, 904 out of 1,756,864 of the Social Science Research Network (SSRN), the USA in which he is among the top one (1%) per cent researchers in the world. **His Google Scholar citations: 1500; h-index: 24; i10-index-46.**

Prof Rena is armed with an in-depth understanding and thriving on extensive knowledge of global economic and social issues. He has widely written in the areas of Economics of Education, Development Economics and Inclusive growth, Globalization and Higher Education, Microfinance, Rural Entrepreneurship, WTO, Clean technology, and Sustainable development, FDI, BRICS Economies and development aid in Africa. He supervised over 60 PhDs, M.Phils and Masters' theses and dissertations across the globe. He served on many academic and professional committees as a Chairman and panel member. He has also been an external examiner/moderator for Masters and PhD at different Universities in Africa, Europe, Asia, North America, Latin America and Australia. He travelled to over 40 countries in the world.

