



Press Release

APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPALS, DEANS AND DIRECTORS

This announcement informs the University of Dar es Salaam Community and the public that, under the authority granted by Article 7 (3) of the University of Dar es Salaam Charter 2007, in conjunction with Rule 9 of the University of Dar es Salaam Rules, 2007; along with Article 9 (1) of the Dar es Salaam University College of Education Charter and Article 9 (1) of the Mkwawa University College of Education Charter, alongside Rule 5 (1) (a), the Chancellor, H.E. Dr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, has appointed the Principals, Deans, and Directors of Colleges, Schools, and Institutes as well as Directorates at the University of Dar es Salaam Mwalimu Julius K. Nyerere Mlimani Campus, Mkwawa University College of Education (MUCE), and Dar es Salaam University College of Education (DUCE) for the 2024/25-2026/27 Triennium as follows:

B. Mkwawa University College of Education (MUCE)



Prof. Method Samwel Semiono, *Principal*

Prof. Method Samwel Semiono is an Associate Professor at Dar es Salaam University. College of Education (DUCE) is a constituent college of the University of Dar es Salaam. He holds a PhD in Kiswahili, an MA in Linguistics, and a BA Education (Hons.), all from the University of Dar es Salaam. Prof. Semiono is a highly esteemed researcher and author renowned for his extensive work in Linguistics, Kiswahili Language and Literature, African Traditional Philosophy, and Literary Linguistics. He is a registered member of the Institute of Directors in Tanzania (IoDT) and several notable national and international language associations, including Chama Ukuzaji wa Kiswahili Duniani (CHAUKIDU), Chama cha Kiswahili Afrika Mashariki (CHAKAMA), and Chama cha Lugha na Fasihi ya Kiswahili Tanzania (CHALUFAKITA). Professor Semiono has also made significant contributions by serving on various boards, including as Chairperson of the National Kiswahili Council (BAKITA) from 2018 to 2021. At DUCE, he has made notable advancements as the Director of Postgraduate Studies and Research and Deputy Principal for Planning, Finance, and Administration. His leadership and academic contributions continue to profoundly impact the language and literature fields in Tanzania and beyond.



Prof. Jaquiline Amani Moshi, *Deputy Principal -Planning, Finance and Administration*

Prof. Jaquiline A. Moshi is an Associate Professor in the Department of Educational Psychology and Curriculum Studies at the Mkwawa University College of Education (MUCE), a constituent college of the University of Dar es Salaam. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Education, a Master's in Applied Social Psychology, and a PhD in Education from the University of Dar es Salaam. Her research interests include occupational psychology, career guidance, and counselling. Prof. Moshi is committed to public service and has consulted on numerous educational and psychological research projects funded by local and international donors. She has also served as Coordinator of the Gender Unit and Director of Human Resources and Administration. She is a member of the Tanzania Psychological Association (TAPA). Before this appointment, she was MUCE's Acting Deputy Principal for Planning, Finance, and Administration.



Prof. Daniel Sydney Fussy, *Dean, Faculty of Education*



Prof. Daniel Sidney Fussy is an Associate Professor of Educational Foundations at Mkwawa University College of Education. He holds a PhD in Education from the University of Glasgow, Scotland, an MA in Education and a Bachelor of Education in Arts (Hons.) from the University of Dar es Salaam. Prof. Fussy previously served as the Director of Postgraduate Studies (2022–November 2023) and as Coordinator of the Centre for Research and Innovation in the Faculty of Education (2019–March 2022). Before the current substantive appointment, he had served in an acting capacity as Dean of the Faculty of Education. His expertise and leadership continue to drive academic excellence and research innovation.

Dr. Talam Enock Kibona, *Dean, Faculty of Science*



Dr. Talam E. Kibona is a Senior Lecturer in Physics at Mkwawa University College of Education (MUCE), a constituent college of the University of Dar es Salaam. He holds a PhD in Sustainable Energy, Science and Engineering, specialising in renewable energy, from The Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology (NM-AIST). He earned his MSc in Physics and BSc in Physics and Mathematics from the University of Dar es Salaam. His research focuses on renewable energy, nanomaterials for energy storage and conversion, thermal storage, and environmental remediation. He has published in top journals. His professional affiliations include the Tanzania Physical Society, African Materials Research Society (AMRS), Tanzania Renewable Energy Association (TAREA), Africa Network for Solar Energy (ANSOLE), Institute of Physics (IOP), and Africa Wind Energy Association (Afriwea). He collaborates with COSTECH, TIE, and the Ministry of Education on various national programmes. He will continue to serve as Dean of the Faculty of Science at MUCE for the second triennium. He has previously led the Mathematics, Physics, and Informatics Departments, which speaks volumes about his administrative credentials.

Dr. Japhace Balwegilila Poncian, *Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.*



Dr Japhace B. Poncian holds a PhD in Politics from the University of Newcastle in the UK, an MA in Global Development and Africa from the University of Leeds, also in the UK, and a BA in Education from the University of Dar es Salaam. As a Senior Lecturer in Development Studies and Politics, his research centres on governance, political economy, and African development. Dr. Poncian is an active member of several esteemed professional associations, including the Development Studies Association, the Development Studies Association of Australia, and the African Studies Association. He has also served in key administrative roles at MUCE, most notably as the Head of the Department of History, Political Science, and Development Studies from 2021 to 2024.



Dr. Chacha Stephen Chacha, *Director, Postgraduate Studies*

Dr. Chacha S. Chacha holds a PhD in Mathematics from Pusan National University, the Republic of Korea, an MSc. in Mathematical Modelling and Bachelor of Education in Science from the University of Dar es Salaam. A Senior Lecturer in the Mathematics, Physics, and Informatics Department at Mkwawa University College of Education (MUCE) with 16 years of academic experience, Dr. Chacha specialises in mathematics education, numerical methods, mathematical modelling, and optimisation. His research interests focus on advancing mathematical analysis for real-world applications. He is a member of the Korean Mathematical Society and the Mathematical Association of Tanzania. Dr. Chacha has contributed significantly to mathematics and related disciplines through teaching, research, consultancy, and public service. Since December 2023, he has been the Director of Postgraduate Studies at MUCE on an acting basis, playing a key role in shaping advanced academic programmes and research initiatives before the current substantive appointment.



Dr. Godlisten Samwel Shao, *Director, Undergraduate Studies*

Dr. Godlisten Namwel Shao holds a PhD in Nanotechnology from Hanyang University of the Republic of Korea, an MSc in Advanced Materials and Engineering from Kangwon National University, also of Korea, and a BSc with Education from the University of Dar es Salaam. As a senior lecturer in chemistry at Mkwawa University College of Education (MUCE), his research focuses on heterogeneous catalysis, renewable energy, energy storage, and the circular economy. Dr. Shao, an active member of the Tanzania Chemical Society, has researched and published widely in his area of expertise. Dr. Shao is the Director of Undergraduate Studies at MUCE and Chairperson of the MUCE Tender Board, contributing significantly to academic excellence and institutional development.



Dr. Chakupewa Joseph Mpambije, *Director, Public Services and Outreach Programmes*

Dr. Chakupewa J. Mpambije earned his PhD in Development Studies and a Master's in Development Management from the University of Dar es Salaam. He is a Senior Lecturer in Development Studies at Mkwawa University College of Education (MUCE). With extensive experience in research and academia, his focus areas include development policies, health systems management, maternal and child health, and governance. He is also a member of the Tanzania Public Health Association (TPHA). Additionally, Dr. Mpambije has played a key role in institutional advancement, spending three years as the Coordinator of Public Services and Consultancies in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at MUCE. His knowledge spans policy analysis, community development, and capacity building.



Dr. Selina Thomas Mkimbili,
Director, Research and Innovation

Dr. Selina Mkimbili holds a PhD in Education from the University of Oslo, Norway (2018) and a Master of Education in Science from the University of Dar es Salaam (2012). The Senior Lecturer in Science Education has over 15 years of experience in curriculum studies and science education. Her research focuses on improving science teaching and learning through innovative pedagogical approaches. Dr. Mkimbili has contributed significantly to academic scholarship and teacher training. Since July 2023, she has been the Director of Research and Innovation at Mkwawa University College of Education (MUCE), leading efforts to advance research and educational innovation.



Dr. Juma Abdallah Mmongoyo,
Director, Library Services

Dr. Juma A. Mmongoyo holds a PhD in Food Science from Michigan State University in the US, an MSc in Chemistry, and a BSc with Education from the University of Dar es Salaam. The Senior Organic Chemistry and Food Science Lecturer at Mkwawa University College of Education (MUCE) specialises in food safety, mycotoxins, food risk assessments, natural product chemistry, agricultural chemistry, and organic synthesis. Dr Mmongoyo, an active member of the Tanzania Chemical Society, has researched and published widely on food safety and public health applications. Dr. Mmongoyo has significantly contributed to academic leadership, advancing research and curriculum development as Head of the Department of Chemistry at MUCE from 2016 to 2024.