



## Press Release

### APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR – RESEARCH



We are pleased to inform the University of Dar es Salaam Community and the public that, in exercise of the powers vested in him under Article 9(1) of the University of Dar es Salaam Charter, 2007 and Rule 6 (1) and (2) of the University of Dar es Salaam Rules, 2007, the Chancellor, H.E. Dr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, has appointed **Professor Nelson M. K. Boniface** to the position of **Deputy Vice Chancellor – Research**.

Prof. Boniface is an Associate Professor in the Department of Geosciences, School of Mines and Geosciences. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Geology (2001) and a Master of Science in Geology (2004), both obtained at the University of Dar es Salaam; and a Doctor of Philosophy in Mineralogy from the University of Kiel, Germany, obtained in 2009. Ever since, he rose through the ranks and was promoted to associate professorship in 2020.

Prof. Boniface has served in different managerial positions at the University of Dar es Salaam, including as Acting Deputy Vice Chancellor – Research (from 2022 until this appointment), Director of Undergraduate Studies (2019 – 2022), Acting Director of Undergraduate Studies (2018 – 2019), Acting Deputy Director of Undergraduate Studies (2016 – 2018), and Head of the Department of Geology (2015 - 2016).

He has worked as a researcher with national and international organizations including the British Geological Survey International, University of Kiel (Germany), University of Columbia (USA), University of Oslo (Norway), University of Utrecht (The Netherlands), and University of Tohoku (Japan). Consequently, Prof. Boniface has supervised and co-supervised several PhD and Master students at UDSM and abroad, published and consulted extensively in geological mapping, structural geology, magmatic and metamorphic petrology, mineralogy, geochemistry, mineral resources of Tanzania, and other earth sciences. He co-authors the Minerogenic Map of Tanzania and Explanatory Notes published along with the online Geological and Mineral Information Systems of Tanzania (<http://www.gmis-tanzania.com>). He has received various academic awards, including Visiting Scholar at the University of Tohoku, Japan; DAAD Visiting Scientist at the University of Kiel, Germany; and DAAD PhD Scholar at the University of Kiel, Germany.

Prof. Boniface is committed to community service and has been involved as chairperson and member in several key national and international committees and boards. He is the Chairperson of the Audit Committee of the Dar es Salaam University College of Education (DUCE). He is a member of the Admission Committee of the Tanzania Commission for Universities (TCU), the DUCE Governing Board, the DUCE Academic Committee, and the DUCE Appointments Committee. He is a member of several professional societies including the Tanzania Geological Society, Geological Society of Africa, Geological Society of America and European Association of Geoscientists and Engineers.

We congratulate **Prof. Boniface** and wish him the best of luck in discharging his duties.

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