



## PRESS RELEASE

### APPOINTMENT OF THE FOURTH MWALIMU JULIUS NYERERE PROFESSOR IN PAN-AFRICAN STUDIES

The University of Dar es Salaam is delighted to announce that the Vice Chancellor, Prof. William A. L. Anangisye, by the powers vested in him, has appointed Professor Alexander Boniface Makulilo as the Fourth Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Professor in Pan-African Studies. This Prestigious Chair, established in 2008, is dedicated to the enduring legacy of Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, Tanzania's Founding President and Father of the Nation. It specifically advances scholarship and policy discourse on Pan-Africanism, an ideal close to Mwalimu Nyerere's heart and teaching.



**Prof. Alexander Boniface Makulilo,**  
*Mwalimu Julius Nyerere Professor in Pan-African Studies*

Professor Makulilo is an accomplished world-class scholar, an academic leader and a public intellectual with a multidisciplinary academic background. He holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from Leipzig University (Germany), an M.A. and a B.A. degree in Political Science from the University of Dar es Salaam, LLB. B from the Open University of Tanzania and a Diploma in the Management of Higher Education from the Galilee International Management Institute, Israel. His global recognition is evidenced by his current role as a Senior Research Fellow at the Arnold Bergstraesser Institute in Germany and the award of the prestigious Georg Forster Research Fellowship from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation. He has widely researched and extensively published over 95 scholarly works and five books in the most influential publication platforms, including Oxford, Cambridge, Brill, and Palgrave Macmillan.

A Professor of Political Science in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration, College of Social Sciences (CoSS), Makulilo's work spans democracy, comparative politics, and development. He has served in senior leadership roles, including Deputy Vice-Chancellor-Academic, Research and Consultancy, The University of Dodoma (UDOM), Principal of the College of Social Sciences (UDSM), and Head of the Department of Political Science and Public Administration. He is the Chief Editor of the African Review: A Journal of African Politics, Development and International Affairs, ranked as the UDSM's best journal for three consecutive years. On top of that, he has consulted widely for international bodies such as the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United States Agency for International Development (USAID), United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women (UN Women), the National Democratic Institute (NDI), and the East African Community (EAC), where he is part of the Constitutional Experts Team drafting the East African Political Confederation Constitution. He also served in the Presidential Task Force on Democracy in Tanzania, popularly known as Kikosi-Kazi cha Rais and as the Country Expert for the Varieties of Democracy Project.

Professor Makulilo's appointment will reinvigorate the African knowledge systems, intellectual heritage, and continental cooperation hence significantly advancing UDSM's academic leadership in Pan-African Studies, elevating the University's global research profile, and deepening its role in shaping policy and intellectual discourse within the continent and beyond.

The University warmly congratulates Professor Makulilo on this well-earned recognition and looks forward to his contribution in honouring the vision and values of Mwalimu Nyerere through scholarship and service.

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