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PROFESSOR GODWIN N. AMAHIA (1947 – 2023)

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor K. O. Adebowale, mni, FAS, announces the transition of Professor Godwin N. Amahia, a distinguished retired Professor of Statistics of the Faculty of Science, University of Ibadan. He died on Monday, 20 November, 2023. He was aged 76 years.

Late Professor G. N. Amahia was born on 25 March, 1947 in Agbor, Delta State, Nigeria. He attended Government Primary School, Agbor between 1955 and 1960, Local Authority Secondary Modern School also in Agbor from 1961 to 1963 and Pilgrim Baptist Grammar School, Ewohimi in 1964 where he also picked up Latin as an intermediate language. After spending about a year at Pilgrim Baptist Grammar School, the Nigerian Civil War broke out. He later continued his secondary education at Sapele Grammar School and completed it at Ika Grammar School, Agbor where he obtained his West African School Certificate (WASC) in 1968 and Higher School Certificate (HSC) in 1970. He bagged a Professional Diploma in Statistics (PDS) in 1975; B.Sc. (Hons.) degree in Statistics in 1979; M.Sc. degree in Statistics in 1982 and Ph.D degree in Statistics with specialization in Sample Survey Methods in 1988; all at the University of Ibadan. He was a beneficiary of the UNDP Research Scholarship between 1985 and 1986 at the Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta, India.

Late Professor G. N. Amahia joined the services of the University of Ibadan as Lecturer I on 01 March, 1994 after the merging of his previous employment at the defunct Federal of Statistics (FOS) between 01 August, 1971 and 28 February, 1994. He was promoted to the grade of Senior Lecturer in the Department of Statistics, University of Ibadan with effect from 01 October, 2000. He was promoted to the grade of Professor in the Department of Statistics with effect from 27 September, 2012. He was appointed as the Acting Head of the Department of Statistics for a

period of 2 years with effect from 01 August, 2004 and re-appointed again as the Acting Head of the Department of Statistics for a period of 2 years with effect from 01 August, 2006. He was also appointed as Associate Lecturer in African Regional Centre for Information Science for 2000/2001, 2001/2002, 2004/2005, 2005/2006 and 2007/2008 sessions.

Late Professor G. N. Amahia retired from the services of the University of Ibadan on 01 October, 2012 but served the University and Department on contract appointment from 2013 to 2019. During this period, he was actively engaged in teaching, research and community service. He successfully supervised five (5) Ph.D theses during this contract period and several B.Sc. and M.Sc. projects.

Late Professor G. N. Amahia was an erudite scholar of international repute in his field of specialization (Sample Survey Methods). He had over fifty (50) publications to his credit. He supervised eleven (11) Ph.D theses and one (1) M.Phil dissertation. His research and scholarly work had greatly contributed to the advancements in Sample Survey Methods and his exit will leave a void in the global statistics community. He was a member of the Nigeria Statistical Association, International Association of Survey Statisticians, American Statistical Association and International Biometric Society.

Professor G. N. Amahia was married to Mrs. Beatrice Amahia and the marriage is blessed with children. Late Professor G. N. Amahia is survived by wife, children and family.

May he continue to rest in the bosom of the Lord. Amen.

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