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**PROFILE OF PROFESSOR ESTHER TITILAYO AKINLABI
DIRECTOR, PAN AFRICAN UNIVERSITY FOR LIFE AND EARTH SCIENCES INSTITUTE
(INCLUDING HEALTH AND AGRICULTURE) PAULESI, UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN**

PROFESSOR ESTHER TITILAYO AKINLABI



The African Union has approved the appointment of Professor Esther Titilayo Akinlabi as the new Director, Pan African University for Life and Earth Sciences Institute (including Health and Agriculture) PAULESI, University of Ibadan with effect from 13 July, 2020. She succeeds Professor M. O. Abatan of our Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.

Professor Akinlabi is a Professor of Mechanical Engineering. She obtained her first degree from the Federal University of Technology, Akure, a Master degree from University of Port Harcourt and a Doctorate degree from the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Port Elizabeth, South Africa.

Prior to this appointment as Director, PAULESI, she had a decade of meritorious service at the Department of Mechanical Engineering Science, Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment, University of Johannesburg (UJ), South Africa. During her period of service at UJ, she had the privilege to serve as the Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering Science and as the Vice-Dean for Teaching and Learning for the Faculty. Her research interest is in the field of Modern and Advanced Manufacturing Processes – Friction stir welding and additive manufacturing.

Her research, in the field of laser based additive manufacturing, include laser material processing and surface engineering. She also conducts research in the field of renewable energy, and biogas production from waste. She is a rated National Research Foundation (NRF) researcher in South Africa and has demonstrated excellence in all fields of endeavours.

The new Director has supervised to completion 22 Ph.D candidates and 28 Master Students. Her leadership, mentorship and research experience is enviable as she guides her team of postgraduate students through the research journey. She is a recipient of several research grants and has received many awards of recognition to her credit. She is a registered member of the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA), Council for the Regulation of Engineering Profession in Nigeria (COREN), South African Institution of Mechanical Engineers (SAIMechE), the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE) and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), USA.

Prof. Akinlabi has filed two patents, edited four books, published seven books and authored/co-authored over 500 peer reviewed publications.

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