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**APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR (RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS):
PROFESSOR OLUYEMISI ADEFUNKE BAMGBOSE, SAN, FCIArb**



The Governing Council has approved the appointment of Professor Oluyemisi Adefunke Bamgbose, SAN, FCIArb with effect from Tuesday, 9 November, 2021.

She was born on 26 June 1961 in Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria, to Chief A.A.K. Degun and Iyalode Christiana Morolake Degun, both of blessed memory. Prof. Bamgbose hails from Ijebu Ode, Ogun State, Nigeria.

She started her elementary education at the University of Ife Staff School, (Ibadan Branch), now Polytechnic Staff School, Ibadan. In 1973, she proceeded to the prestigious Queens School, Moor Plantation, Ibadan, for her secondary school education which she completed in 1977. She later attended the prestigious Comprehensive High School Ayetoro, Ogun State between 1978 and 1979 for her A level course, and completed it at yet another prestigious school, Adeola Odutola College, Ijebu Ode, Ogun State, earning the best overall result that year. In 1980, Professor Bamgbose was admitted to study Law at the University of Lagos, Akoka, Lagos, and graduated with the flagship set in 1983. The 1983 graduate of the University of Lagos, was called to the Nigerian Bar as a Solicitor and Advocate of the Supreme Court of Nigeria in 1984. She obtained her Master of Law (LL.M) Degree from the same University of Lagos in 1990 and was the best graduating student in a class of about one hundred and five (105) students.

Having completed her compulsory National Youth Service Corps as a Pupil State Counsel at the Ministry of Justice, Ibadan between 1984 and 1985, she started her working career as a State Counsel at the Ministry of Justice, Abeokuta, Ogun State in 1985 and rose to the position of Senior State Counsel in the Director of Public Prosecution Department in 1987. Professor Bamgbose started her academic career as an Assistant Lecturer at the Faculty of Law, the University of Ibadan, Nigeria in November 1987, rose through the rank and was promoted to the rank of full professor of Law in 2003 in the University where she has been teaching for over thirty- four (34) years. She is the first homegrown Professor in the Faculty of Law, University of Ibadan.

A teacher of teachers, having taught many who are, at present, Professors and Lecturers within the University of Ibadan and other Universities and assessed many professorial and doctoral candidates in several Universities in the country. The Professor and Learned Silk, has produced many doctoral students, supervised over three hundred and fifty (350) students at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels. She is an external examiner to

many institutions including the University of Lagos, Akoka, Lagos State University, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, University of Benin, Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago Iwoye, University of Calabar, Osun State University, Igbinedon University, Okada and the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Nigeria.

She has been a Visiting Lecturer at Ogun State University (now Olabisi Onabanjo University), Ago Iwoye, Nigeria, in 2000; Visiting Professor at Marquette University School of Law, Wisconsin, United States of America (Fall Semester, 2001); Visiting Professor at Saint Louis University School of Law, Saint Louis, Missouri, United States of America (Spring Semester, 2008) and at the University of Lagos, Akoka, Lagos (2014 -2015). She has adopted an interdisciplinary and comparative approach to her teaching and research by teaching Legal Issues in Disaster Risk Management in the Department of Geography and Legal Criminology and Security Psychology in the Department of Psychology at the University of Ibadan,

The new Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Innovation and Strategic Partnerships) was the Chairperson of The Study Group on Death Penalty for the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria; Chairperson of the Constitutional Review Committee for Oyo State, Nigeria; Member of Nigeria's National Committee on the Reform of Discriminatory Laws against Women; Member of the Technical Working Committee of the NHRC/ Ford Foundation Project: "Fair Trial and the Right to Effective Participation in Governance: Independent Review of Evidence of Gross Violations of the Rights to Participate in Government and Fair Trial through the Election Petition Process in Nigeria"; and Member: Panel of Experts to Review Administration of Criminal Justice Law and the Criminal Law of Ondo State, Nigeria.

Professor Bamgbose is the Chairperson of the Nigerian Bar Association Women Forum (NBAWF); She is a Fellow of Salzburg Seminar Austria Session 339 (1996), Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitration; Member of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA); Nigerian Bar Association Women Forum; Nigerian Association of Law Teachers (NALT); Member, Body of Senior Advocates of Nigeria (BOSAN); Member, West African Research Association (WARA); Member, West African Research and Innovation Management Association (WARIMA) and the International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA).

A scholar, researcher, and prolific writer, Professor Bamgbose has a strong interest in issues of law relating to women and children and has published over 100 articles, books, and technical reports in the English Language with translation into other languages in both national and international outlets; some of which have been cited and used in national and foreign courts. Professor Bamgbose authored the book "Law and Practice on Disaster Issues" the first and major Nigerian publication to present legal materials from diverse fields of Law in a single volume on disaster issues. She has also co-authored the book "Criminal Law in Nigeria" a widely used textbook in most Law Faculties in Nigeria and Superior Courts in Nigeria. Her Inaugural Lecture in July 2010 titled "The Sentence, the Sentencer and the Sentenced: Towards Prison Reforms in Nigeria" is presently the main resource and reference material in many Law Faculties where Criminology is taught and a useful resource in the reform of the correctional institutions in Nigeria.

A speaker at many international conferences and a widely travelled scholar, the Professor of Law and Senior Advocate of Nigeria was the guest speaker at the Celebration of 100 years of Women in Law at Saint Louis University, Saint Louis, Missouri, the USA on 24 November, 2008 where she delivered a paper on Privatization of Prisons. Also, she was the guest speaker at the 3rd Professor Jadesola Akande Memorial Lecture organised by the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Lagos, on 27 November, 2014 on the topic Re-Evaluating the

Juvenile/Child Justice System in Nigeria and also at the 2nd Grace Foundation Lecture on May 16, 2014, where she delivered the paper on Child Trafficking.

At the University level, Professor Bamgbose is currently serving a second term as an Internal Member of the University of Ibadan Governing Council, representing Senate, a position held since 2015. She is a member of many committees of Senate and Council; currently, the Director of the Women's Law Clinic (a specialised Law Clinic), at the Faculty of Law, University of Ibadan, Ibadan; served as the Dean at the Faculty of Law, University of Ibadan between February 2009 and July 2014. She was the first female Head of Department in the Faculty of Law, University of Ibadan, serving two terms between December 1997-September 30, 1999 and April 2001- July 2003 and served as Sub-Dean, Faculty of Law, University of Ibadan, Ibadan. Nigeria – October 1996 –December 1997; Acting Warden, Queen Elizabeth 11 Hall, University of Ibadan. Nigeria. October – November 1995 and Assistant Hall Warden, Queen Elizabeth 11 Hall, University of Ibadan. Nigeria. July 1992 – March 1997. She is also an external member of the Governing Council, Chrisland University, Owode, Abeokuta, Nigeria.

On 24 September, 2018, Professor Bamgbose was elevated to the rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria and thus became the first and presently the only Female Professor of Law in Nigeria to be conferred with the rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria.

Professor Bamgbose, a Professor of Criminal Law and Criminology is happily married to Honourable Justice Olatokunbo John Bamgbose of the Ogun State Judiciary and they are blessed with children and a grandchild.

The new Deputy Vice-Chancellor (RISP) succeeds Prof. Olanike K. Adeyemo, the pioneer Deputy Vice-Chancellor (RISP).

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