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PROFESSOR ADEYEMO ELECTED FELLOW OF THE PRESTIGIOUS WORLD ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Prof. Olanike Adeyemo, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research, Innovation & Strategic Partnerships), University of Ibadan and a Professor of Aquatic Epidemiology and Toxicology has been elected Fellow of The World Academy of Sciences by members of The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) for the advancement of science in developing countries.

According to the President, TWAS, Prof. Bai Chunli, in one of his correspondence, he wrote that the election of Prof. Olanike Adeyemo was a clear recognition of her outstanding contribution to science and its promotion in the developing countries of the world.

The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) is a merit-based science academy uniting 1,000 scientists in some 70 countries. Its principal aim is to promote scientific capacity and excellence for sustainable development in the south. Its headquarters is located on the premises of the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics in Trieste, Italy.

TWAS was founded in 1983 under the leadership of the Nobel Laureate Abdus Salam of Pakistan by a group of distinguished scientists who were determined to do something about the dismal state of scientific research in developing countries.

As a result of noticeable challenges prevalent in the developing countries, the founding members of TWAS therefore decided to set up an organization that would help to:

1. Recognize, support and promote excellence in scientific research in the South;
2. Provide promising scientists in the South with research facilities necessary for the advancement of their work;
3. Facilitate contacts between individual scientists and institutions in the South;
4. Encourage South–North cooperation between individuals and centres of scholarship;
5. Promote scientific research on major [developing countries](#) problems.

Since its inception, TWAS operational expenses have largely been covered by generous contributions of the Italian government; since 1991 UNESCO has been responsible for the administration of TWAS finance and staff on the basis of an agreement signed by the director general of UNESCO and the president of TWAS.

It was named "Third World Academy of Sciences" until 2004 and "TWAS, the academy of sciences for the developing world" before September 2012, when it was renamed to its current name, "The World Academy of Sciences for the advancement of science in developing countries"

The induction ceremony during which newly elected members are introduced to the Academy will be held during the next TWAS General Meeting which will be announced later. The new position takes effect from 1 January, 2019.

Thank you.

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Registrar