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APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR (ADMINISTRATION): PROFESSOR EMILOLORUN AMBROSE AIYELARI

The Governing Council of the University has appointed **Prof. EmilOlorun Ambrose Aiyelari** as the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration). He succeeds Prof. Arinola Olasumbo Sanya.

Prof. EmilOlorun Ambrose Aiyelari was born on 11 June, 1955 in Ikun-Akoko, in Akoko South West Local Government Area of Ondo State to Pa Patrick A. Aiyelari and Late Mrs. Veronica M. Aiyelari.

He attended St. Williams Catholic Primary School, Oke-Ado, Ibadan [[1962 – 1967](#)], CAC Secondary Modern School, Ikun-Akoko [[1968 – 1969](#)], Aquinas College, Akure [[1970 – 1974](#)] and The Polytechnic, Ibadan [[1974 – 1975](#)] Prof. Aiyelari later proceeded to the prestigious University of Ibadan from 1975 to 1980 for the B.Sc. He returned to UI between 1982 and 1983 for the MSc and 1984 – 1990 for the Ph.D all in Agricultural Engineering from the Faculty of Technology.

It is important to note that Prof. Aiyelari was a recipient of the Ondo State Government Scholarship Award for the B.Sc. degree, Federal Government of Nigeria Postgraduate Scholarship Award for the M.Sc. Degree and the Netherlands Government Fellowship Award for a Training Course in Ergonomics, Wageningen.

He worked briefly with the Ondo State Government's Ministry of Agriculture and Natural Resources between 1981 and 1982. He was the pioneer Zonal Agricultural Engineer for the Ondo Zone of the Ministry covering Ondo, Okitipupa, Ile-Oluji, Onisere and others.

He joined the services of the University of Ibadan on 16 February, 1984 as Assistant Lecturer and rose through the ranks to the position of Professor on 01 October, 2005.

The new Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration) has served in various Committees of the Faculty, Senate and Congregation including the following:

Departmental Timetable Coordinator, 1984 - 1994;

Departmental Examinations Coordinator (Undergraduate), 1984 - 1994;

Sub-Dean (Agriculture), 1991 - 1994;

Member, Faculty Computer Committee, 1993/94 Session till 2001;

Assistant Hall Warden, 1996-1998 and Warden 2003 – 2009, Tafawa Balewa Postgraduate Hall;

Member, University Senate, 1996 – 2001; 2003 - to date;

Member, Senate Curriculum Committee, 1997 – 2001;

Member, Business Committee of Senate, 1998 – 2001;

Chairman, Business Committee of Senate, 1999 – 2001;
Member, Staff School Board of Governors, 1998 – 2001;
Pioneer Coordinator, Faculty of Agric. & Forestry External Degree Programme, 1999 – 2001;
Staff Adviser, National Association of Agricultural Students, University of Ibadan Chapter, 1996 – 2001;
Member, Senate Truth Committee, 2009 – to date;
Dean, Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry, August 1, 2010 – July 31, 2012 and
Faculty Representative, Central Appointments and Promotions Committee, August 2013 - to date

At the University of Swaziland as Visiting Senior Lecturer, he served as:
Chairman, Faculty of Agriculture *ad-hoc* Committee on End of Semester Conduct of Examinations, 2002 – 2003;
Programme Tutor, Diploma in Agriculture Year II, 2001 – 2003;
Departmental Representative, Faculty of Agriculture Curriculum Committee, 2002 – 2003;

Professor Emil Olorun Ambrose Aiyelari has also been part of many Investigative Panels and Committees of the University of the University of Ibadan including the following:

Convener, *Ad hoc* Committee on Standing Orders of Congregation, 2003 – 2004;
Member, Faculty Committee on Reputable Journals, 2005;
Chairman, Panel of Investigation of the Allegation of Financial Impropriety levelled against some members of the Student Union Transition Committee, 2006;
Member, Panel of Investigation into the Crisis of 11 November, 2006 at the Pre-NUGA Football Match, 2007;
Member and Convener, Panel of Investigation of an ugly and immoral incident involving students of the University of Ibadan, 2008;
Member, Senate Committee on Institutional Affiliation between the University of Ibadan and its Affiliates – 2008;
Member, Council Committee on Community Development, 2006 – 2010; and
Only recently, member, *Ad-hoc* Committee on the Matters Arising from the Consideration of 2012/2013 University Examination Results.

Professor Aiyelari is a member of many learned and professional bodies including the Nigerian Institution of Agricultural Engineers, American Society of Agricultural Engineers, Nigerian Society of Engineers, and International Soil Tillage Research Organization among others.

An original scholar and committed researcher, his research focus and publications cover four areas of Agricultural Engineering including (i) generating database for agricultural machinery design; (ii) agricultural land preparation including bush clearing and tillage; (iii) ergonomics and (iv) applied agricultural engineering in power and machinery covering harvesting, weed control and crop processing. He has published over 60 articles in reputable journals, books and monographs in these areas. Prof. Aiyelari is the Principal Investigator of the team of experts recently awarded the University of Ibadan Research Foundation Grant for Electricity Generation from Fast Pyrolysis of Agricultural and Municipal Solid Wastes.

He relates very well with his students and was voted as the most student-friendly lecturer four times by students in the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry. Also, he interacts well with the teaching and non-teaching staff at administrative and social levels across the University.

Professor Aiyelari was for many years the Secretary of the Ibadan Branch of Aquinas College Akure Old Students' Association as well as the National Publicity Secretary of the Association.

He is a Christian and worships at the Catholic Church of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom, University of Ibadan, where he is currently the President of the Parish Laity Council. He is a member of the Committee on Religious Matters. He was for three years the Secretary of the University of Ibadan Chapter of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU).

He loves gardening, hunting, singing and playing football. Shooting Stars Sports Club of Ibadan (3SC) and Arsenal Football Club of England are his favourite Clubs.

Professor Emil Olorun Ambrose Aiyelari assumed duty as the ninth Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration) on June 11, 2014.