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RE-APPOINTMENT OF PROF. DEUS DOMINIC NGARUKO DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR ACADEMICS AT THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF TANZANIA

The Vice Chancellor Prof. Elifas Tozo Bisanda is pleased to inform the University Community as well as the general public that The Chancellor of The Open University of Tanzania Hon. Mizengo Kayanza Peter Pinda has appointed Prof. Deus Dominic Ngaruko to the position of Deputy Vice Chancellor Academics for the second term of four (4) years starting from 21st April 2020.

Prof. Dr. Deus Dominic Ngaruko is an Associate Professor of Development Economics. He began his academic career at the Open University of Tanzania in 1998 when he joined Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences as a tutorial Assistant. Ngaruko was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness at Makerere University in 1997. During 2000-2002 Ngaruko pursued Master degree in Agricultural Economics at Sokoine University of Agriculture. He subsequently graduated at the Imperial College, University of London and awarded PhD in Development Economics. Prof Ngaruko has over fifteen (15) years of research and consultancy experience in the areas of project design and management for Community Economic development, pro-poor policy and livelihood analysis, organisational capacity assessment, project monitoring and evaluation, environmental and natural resources assessment, agribusiness and value chain analysis, agri-markets, post harvest management and agric-pricing systems. Professor Ngaruko has published more than 30 Journal Articles, book chapters and book reviews in local and international journals.

Prof Ngaruko is a founding member of the Master of Arts programme in Project Monitoring and Evaluation, the first postgraduate programme in M&E in the country offered at The Open University of Tanzania. In this programme he teaches Fundamentals and practices of M&E. Prof Ngaruko has undertaken significant number of project and programme Evalu-



ation related consultancy jobs and also in other areas of his expertise across a wide spectrum of local and international organisations. Prof Ngaruko is currently teaching postgraduate theoretical economics courses, community economic development, designing and planning M&E systems and management of environmental and natural resources. Prof. Ngaruko has to-date, supervised over 100 Community Economic Development (CED) Projects for master's dissertations in CED from 2004 to date. Most of these projects are running well and are transforming people's lives. He has supervised over 20 PhD graduates. Professor Ngaruko is Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Tanzania Evaluation Association (TanEA). He is also a member of numerous professional societies including Mixed Methods International Research Association (MMIRA), Agricultural Economics Society of Tanzania (AGREST), Agricultural Economics Society of UK (AES-UK), African Council for Distance Education (ACDE) and Distance Education Association of Tanzania (DEATA).

Professor Ngaruko has held various Managerial positions in different period within the university where he served as University Examination officer 1998-2000, Founding Director of Examination Syndicate 2008-2012, Dean Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences 2012-2016, President of Convocation of the Open University of Tanzania 2015-2016, and Deputy Vice Chancellor Academics 2016 to date when he is re-appointed for the second term.