# Press Release

## ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DIRECTORATE OF ACADEMIC PLANNING AND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF ACTING DIRECTOR

**Dr. Hellen Henry Maziku**

The University of Dar es Salaam wishes to inform the University community and the public that it has established the Directorate of Academic Planning and Strategic Development (DAPSD) to provide strategic leadership in academic planning, policy development, and institutional performance management. This initiative intends to enhance alignment of academic programmes with national and international standards, while advancing the University's long-term strategic vision.

Following the establishment of the position of Director of Academic Planning and Strategic Development, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. William A. L. Anangisye, has appointed Dr. Hellen Henry Maziku as Acting Director for the remainder of the 2024/2025–2026/2027 triennium.

Dr. Maziku is a Senior Lecturer, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, at the College of Information and Communication Technologies (CoICT). She holds a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering and Information Technology from the University of Dar es Salaam (2009), a Master of Science (2012) and a PhD (2016) in Computer and Information Systems Engineering from Tennessee State University,USA.

She brings to the role extensive professional experience in research, innovation, and consultancy, with specialization in Cyber Security, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Human-Centered Design (HCD). Her portfolio includes collaboration on projects funded by reputable international and national institutions such as SIDA, IDRC, UNICEF, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Air Force Research Laboratory, the Department of Energy (DoE), and COSTECH.

This appointment is intended to ensure continuity and strategic oversight in advancing the University's academic planning agenda and institutional development priorities.

The University congratulates Dr. Maziku on this appointment and wishes her success in the execution of her new responsibilities.

**ISSUED BY COMMUNICATION AND MARKETING UNIT**
**9th April 2026**