



APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR - ACADEMIC



Prof. Rose Acen Upor

We are pleased to inform the University of Dar es Salaam community and the public that, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him under Article 9(1) of the University of Dar es Salaam Charter, 2007, read together with Rule 6(1) and (2) of the University of Dar es Salaam Rules, 2007, the Chancellor of the University of Dar es Salaam, His Excellency Dr. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, has appointed **Prof. Rose Acen Upor as Deputy Vice Chancellor - Academic of the University of Dar es Salaam** with effect from 31st December, 2025.

Rose A. Upor is an Associate Professor of Linguistics in the Department of Foreign Languages and Linguistics, College of Humanities (CoHU). She joined the University of Dar es Salaam in 2002 as an Assistant Lecturer. She holds a Bachelor of Arts with Education (Hons) and a Master of Arts in Linguistics from the University of Dar es Salaam, and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Linguistics from the University of Georgia, USA. She was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor in 2023.

Prof. Upor brings to this appointment an extensive and distinguished record of academic leadership, university governance, and senior-level administration. Prior to her appointment, she served as Director of Postgraduate Studies. Her previous leadership roles at the University include Head of the Department of Foreign Languages and Linguistics, Director of the Office of the Vice Chancellor, and Principal of the College of Humanities. In these capacities, she worked closely with top management in strategic planning, policy formulation, and institutional governance.



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Prof. Upor has been an active contributor to University governance, having served as a member of the University Senate during the periods 2012–2014 and 2017 to date, including membership in key Senate committees. She also served as a Councilor of the University Council from 2018 to 2024, representing the Council on various standing committees. Collectively, Professor Upor has contributed to the work of different institutional committees as a member and/or convener, playing a substantive role in policy development and strategic implementation.

Prof. Upor served as National Coordinator of the Secondary Education Development Programme (SEDP) under the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, where she oversaw the coordination and implementation of education development projects. This role underscores her demonstrated capacity in large-scale programme management, inter-sectoral coordination, and public sector leadership. Most recently, she served as President of the Partnership for Africa's Next Generation of Academics (PANGEA).

Prof. Upor has an extensive publication record and has undertaken consultancy and coordination assignments with international organizations, government institutions, and local government authorities. Her professional excellence has been recognized through several awards, including those from the International Women's Forum, the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESRIA), and the Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA). She has also undertaken executive leadership training at Harvard Business School, USA and INSEAD (*Institut Européen d'Administration des Affaires*), France. Additionally, she possesses practical expertise in public procurement, public sector finance, accounting and audit systems, and project management.

With her strong academic credentials, proven strategic leadership, and deep commitment to quality, equity, and academic excellence, Professor Rose A. Upor brings significant value and vision to the role of Deputy Vice Chancellor – Academic.

The University of Dar es Salaam congratulates Professor Upor on her appointment and wishes her every success in the discharge of her responsibilities.

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