



PRESS RELEASE

APPOINTMENT OF THE DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR - ACADEMIC, RESEARCH, AND CONSULTANCY



The Vice Chancellor of the Mwalimu Julius K. Nyerere University of Agriculture and Technology (MJNUAT) Prof. Lesakit S. Mellau is pleased to inform the university community and the general public that The University Chancellor Hon. Mizengo Kayanza Peter Pinda (Retired Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania) has, on 29th October, 2024, appointed **Prof. Joel S. Mtebe** to the position of **Deputy Vice Chancellor - Academic Research, and Consultancy** for a period of four (4) years. His tenure commenced on 27th November 2024.

Prof. Joel S. Mtebe is an Associate Professor of Computer Science at the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. He served as the Principal of the College of Information and Communication Technologies (CoICT) from December 2021 to November 2024. Before this role, he was the Director of the Center for Virtual Learning at the University of Dar es Salaam from 2015 to 2021.

Prof. Mtebe works as a consultant in various local, regional and international organization including Pan African Virtual and E-University (an Umbrella of African Union), Edtech Hub, and International Rescue Committee, Inc. Currently, he coordinates two key portfolios—curriculum review and digitization—under the Higher Education for Economic Transformation (HEET) Project at the Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology.

Prof Mtebe is a dedicated academician who has published more than 80 articles in several highly ranked outlets, supervised and examined more than 30 Masters, and 10 PhD students in Tanzania and beyond. He is an Editor in Chief of Journal of ICT systems (JICTS) and Associate Editor of The IEEE Transactions on Learning Technologies, and the East African Journal of Science, technology and Innovation.

He is also a co-opted board member of the Higher Education Students' Loans Board (HESLB) and serves on the board of the Tanzania Institute of Education (TIE).

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