



MZUZU UNIVERSITY

Press Release



APPOINTMENT OF PROF. WAPULUMUKA OLIVER MULWAFU AS DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR

The Mzuzu University Council is pleased to announce that the President of the Republic of Malawi and Chancellor of Mzuzu University, His Excellency Dr. Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera, has appointed Professor Wapulumuka Oliver Mulwafu as Deputy Vice Chancellor of Mzuzu University effective 1st October, 2021. The University is delighted to have an individual of Professor Mulwafu's calibre appointed in this position to contribute to the growth of the University. He is an accomplished scholar with vast experience in teaching, research and resource mobilisation, leadership and community service.

Professor Mulwafu obtained a PhD in History from the University of Minnesota in the USA, a Master's degree from Queen's University in Canada, a Bachelor of Education degree and a Bachelor of Social Science (Hons) degree from the University of Malawi. He received professional training in Modern Higher Education Management and Leadership conducted by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). He has served as a Visiting Professor of History at Michigan State University in the USA, a Visiting Research Fellow at the Centre of African Studies and Wolfson College at the University of Cambridge in the UK and as the SADC-WaterNet Professorial Chair of IWRM based at the University of Malawi.

Professor Mulwafu is well-published such that he is the author and co-editor of four books: Conservation Song (2011), Malawi in Crisis (2012), Politics, Christianity and Society in Malawi (2020), and Beyond Impunity: New Directions for Governance in Malawi (2021). Further, he has published more than 30 articles in reputable and credible journals, locally and internationally. Professor Mulwafu is a member of the Advisory Board of the Journal of Southern African Studies, and has served on the Editorial Board of Environment and History (2012-2017), and Guest Editor for Water and Society under the Integrated Water Resources Management for Physics and Chemistry of the Earth (2010-2012).

Professor Mulwafu has contributed to resource mobilisation through various research projects including the SIDA and DFID support for research on the study of equity and institutions in sustainable African agriculture (UNIMA in collaboration with Lund University 2007-2020), UNESCO-IHE Partnership Research Fund (UPaRF) funding for

research on exploring the hidden dynamics of water service provision in slum environments (2014-2015), USAID funding for the analysis of water sector reform experiences in Malawi (UNIMA in collaboration with Michigan State University 2000-2006), the South-South programme for research on the history of development (SEPHIS) for organising a conference on the history of identity and the challenge of national unity in Malawi in collaboration with International Institute of Social History, 2011), WaterNet funding for capacity development of the History Department (2002-2003), the MacArthur Foundation and the International Crane Foundation for the study of the historical, social and ecological impact of the Cabora Bassa Dam on the Lower Zambezi Valley Basin (2000-2002).

In terms of contribution to the public mission, Professor Mulwafu has provided service to the community in different capacities both locally and internationally. He is the current Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of the Centre for Environmental Policy and Advocacy (CEPA), and a member of the University of Livingstonia Council. He is also a member of the National Steering Committee of the Malawi Water Partnership as well as Vice Chairperson of the Malawi National Stakeholders Committee (NASC) of the Zambezi River Basin Commission. Previously, Prof Mulwafu served as a member of the Board of Trustees of WaterNet (2003-2010), Technical Committee of the BASIS Collaborative Research Support Programme (2002-2006), and a member of UNESCO's Task Force on the Integration of Social Sciences into the Ecohydrology Programme (2006-2008).

The University Council wishes to welcome Professor Mulwafu to Mzuzu University at this exciting stage when he joins the Leadership Team committed to fulfilling the University's new 10-Year Vision contained in its 2021-30 Strategic Plan.

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CHAIRPERSON, MZUZU UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

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