



UNAM APPOINTS NEW PVC (A&F)



Dr. Boniface Simasiku Mutumba

The Council of the University of Namibia has appointed Dr. Boniface Simasiku Mutumba (43) as Pro-Vice Chancellor in charge of Administration and Finance with effect from April 1, 2010. Mutumba's new contract runs for five years.

Until his new appointment Mutumba was the Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Management Science at the University of Namibia. Vice Chancellor Prof. Lazarus Hangula is now expected to name a new Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Management Science soon.

As PVC (A&F) Mutumba has his work cut out. He will serve as the chief advisor to the Vice Chancellor on matters related to administration and financial management; complement the functions of the Pro-Vice Chancellor in charge of Academic and Research; ensure efficiency in the execution of the mandate of the university; help the Vice Chancellor in diversifying the revenue base for the university to complement government funding; and network with the university's stakeholders.

Dr. Mutumba's brings to his new post 20 years of experience in top leadership positions in academia, the public and private sectors; as well as a vast experience which includes-but is not limited to – strategic planning; budgeting and budgetary controls; and policy development.

The new Pro-Vice Chancellor holds a Doctor of Philosophy (Public Administration); a Master of Public Administration; a Diploma in Urban Management (IHS); and a Bachelor of Administration all from the University of Namibia.

RICE PROJECT CONTINUES TO GROW



The University of Namibia's Kalimbeza Rice Project has grown beyond expectations and project managers are now faced with the challenge of marketing its produce.

Prof Luke Kanyomeka who is in charge of the project and is also deputy Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture and Natural Resources at UNAM's Ogongo Campus, told Forum Online that the project has so far harvested 80 tons of rice. This is double what was harvested last year.

This year's rice was grown on 25 hectares. The project has 193 hectares at its disposal.

"Production of rice is no longer a challenge.

The big challenge is how to market it.

We hope we will find a strategy soon," Kanyomeka, who is now affectionately nicknamed "Prof Rice", said this week.

Last year the Government of the Republic of Namibia declared Kalimbeza a national project. The ultimate objective is to make Namibia self-sufficient in rice production. Kanyomeka says UNAM is working with the Ministry of Agriculture to realize this dream.

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