

# PROFESSOR CHARLES ARIZECHUKWU IGWE

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Professor Charles Igwe was appointed the 15<sup>th</sup> Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nigeria, Nsukka (UNN) in June 2019. Prior to this, he was a two term Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration), UNN (2016 – 2019). He studied Agriculture at UNN (1979–1984) where he obtained his B.Agric degree. He later obtained both MSc (1988) and PhD (1994) degrees in the same discipline in UNN, with specialization in Soil Sciences. He also earned numerous other certificates and diplomas both in Agriculture and other areas of learning from institutions within and beyond Africa. These include Postgraduate Diploma in Soil Science from Agricultural University, Norway and Certificate of College on Soil Physics, from the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), Trieste, Italy in 1993, among others. He has over thirty years of professional and administrative experience with considerable knowledge of project planning and management gained both in academia and the wider industrial sector. He was appointed Associate Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture (2006-2008) and later succeeded his principal as Dean of the same Faculty of Agriculture, UNN, (2008-2010). Beyond Deanship, he has served the University as leader of many statutory bodies, such as Director University Advancement Centre; Director, External Studies Unit; Member University Governing Council as Senate Representative, Member TETFund Committee, UNN, among others.



He is an accomplished researcher of international repute with numerous scientific publications on agricultural policies, practices and technologies and authored a number of books to his credit. He is also editorial member of numerous journals of international repute and editor of several. His current research interest is in domesticating agricultural policies and tools to improve agricultural yields in Africa and indeed tropical climates of the world, thus contributing to solving the global food security question. He has been and still is visiting researcher/professor to many universities across the world including Agricultural University of Norway, Ås; Dipartimento di Scienze Chimico-Agrarie, Università di Napoli Federico II, Italy; Universite De Bourgogne, Dijon, France; and Institut für Bodenkunde und Standortslehre, Universität Hohenheim, Stuttgart, Germany among others. He has also presented many invited academic papers and key note addresses in countless international and national fora.

Professor Igwe is equally outstanding in winning awards and academic laurels. His awards of excellence defy geographical and disciplinary boundaries. His awards come from different regions of the world and in fields like Hydrological Sciences, Engineering Technology among others. One of the most significant is the award from the Japanese Society for Promotion of Science, exemplifying him as a distinguished scientist of his times. He has also attracted funds and grants to further the growth and academic excellence in the University of Nigeria. These include, but not limited to, the European Union Research Project on “*Evaluation of the Stability of Soil Organic Matter (SOM) Pools in African Ecosystems (Ethiopia and Nigeria) for the Improvement of a Sustainable Soil Management*” valued at **€339,997**; Scientific Equipment Donation Programme by **ALEXANDER von HUMBOLDT FOUNDATION 2001** valued at over **DM40,000**; among others too numerous to list here.