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PROF. HULDA SHAIIDI SWAI

Appointed President of African Materials Research Society (AMRS)

The Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology (NM-AIST) Community and the African Centre for Research, Agricultural Advancement, Teaching Excellence and Sustainability (CREATES) congratulates Prof. Hulda Shaidi Swai for being elected first female president of the African Materials Research Society (AMRS) for the coming two years starting on 11th May, 2018

The NM-AIST Management and the entire institutional Community realizes that, Prof. Hulda appointment is recognition of her outstanding performance and contribution to the institutional resolve to apply Science, Engineering, Technology and Innovation (SETI) to solve challenges facing the society and industry. We are confident that Prof. Hulda's skills and fortitude will gear up AMRS to higher heights.

NM-AIST is glad that, under Prof. Hulda Swai presidency, Tanzania has been selected to host the 10th International Conference on African Material Research Society in Arusha Tanzania from 9th - 12th December, 2019. We therefore, request a genuine support from different stakeholders by preparing to participate to this important event which will avail us an opportunity to meet world experts for the purpose of exploring, share challenge and solutions on how Material science can play a significant role on the national agenda of industrialization.

The formation of the AMRS, has its origins in the August 2000. The first 'US-Africa Materials Workshop' was held in Pretoria, South Africa. The workshop was co-organized and sponsored by the United States National Science Foundation (NSF) and the South African National Research Foundation (NRF) which sought to explore

opportunities for collaboration between the USA and Africa with an overarching objective of developing materials research capacity in Africa. It brought together over 70 leading scientists, industry researchers and Government representatives from the USA and 15 African countries, and they sculpted a forward-looking sustainable framework for driving materials research in Africa. Two years later, building on this initiative, on 12 December, 2002, the African-MRS was officially launched in Dakar, Senegal. The Dakar meeting, was attended by various world leading experts in the different facets of materials science, engineering and research, thus becoming the 1st AMRS International Conference. Subsequent biennial International Conferences were held in South Africa (2003), Morocco (2005), Tanzania (2007), Nigeria (2009) and Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, (2011), Ethiopia (2013), Ghana (2015) and Botswana (2017).

At its heart, the AMRS series of conferences allows the scientific and research communities to build knowledge, foster relationships and promote action for further understanding and collaborations in the broad fields associated with materials science and technology.

Currently Prof. Hulda Swai is an Associate Professor of the NM-AIST and the Centre Director of the Africa Centre for Research, Agricultural Advancement, Teaching Excellence and Sustainability (CREATES) the World Bank Project hosted at the Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology (NM-AIST).

For more information about the African Materials Research Society (AMRS) and how to support the 10th International Conference on African Material Research Society please contact Prof. Hulda Swai at hulda.swai@nm-aist.ac.tz

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