

ENGINEER PROFESSOR SAMPSON ODURO-KWARTENG **(PhD) IS NEW HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL** **ENGINEERING AT THE GAMBIA UNIVERSITY OF** **SCIENCE, ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY (USET)**



Ing. Professor Sampson Oduro-Kwarteng (PhD) is the new Professor for civil engineering at USET, The Gambia. He has been appointed as Head of Department of Civil Engineering under the College of Science and Engineering. Prof. Sampson's appointment came in May 2023 after a wake of intense interview and selection process which today merited him this position.

Engineer Prof. Sampson has up to 22 years of experience working both as a seasoned civil engineer, water and sanitation engineer, working both as an academic and a professional. His career as a civil engineer commenced after gaining a BSc. (Hons) in civil engineering from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi – Ghana in 1996. By the end of 2001, he completed his MSc degree at the same university with a specialization in water supply and environmental sanitation. His PhD which he completed in 2011 was on waste management from the IHE Institute for Water Education and International Institute of Social Studies at Erasmus University of Rotterdam, The Netherlands. Having rose through the ranks with great determination and ambition to achieve his dreams, he became full Professor in August 2020 under the Department of Civil Engineering, KNUST.

Before moving to USET, Prof. Sampson was the Head of the Department of Civil Engineering for 4 years and the Deputy Director and the Director of the Regional Water and Environmental Sanitation Centre (RWESCK) for 10 years under the African Centre of Excellence Project at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, KNUST. During his tenure at KNUST, he served in various managerial capacities. He was a member of some academic committees and professional bodies including Ghana Institution of Engineering.

Eng. Prof. Sampson is a bright and talented man with admirable personality. His proven academic and professional track record of great successes and achievements speaks volumes of him as a seasoned expert not only in academic knowledge but also with an array of exciting professional experiences. Ing. Prof. Sampson served as a Leader, Manager, Researcher, Consultant, Writer and Role model to young people. He has authored over 80 publications including journal articles, conference papers, books, book chapters and technical reports. His outstanding publications can be found in both local and international journals. He has expertise in design of solid waste landfill, sanitation and water supply systems and irrigation systems, human resource capacity assessment as well as WASH (Water, Sanitation, Hygiene) participatory and behavioural change management projects.

As USET embraces Ing. Prof. Sampson, we wish him well and pray for his continued success and greater achievements. There is no iota of doubt that he will perform and serve as an asset and agent of change and transformation within USET and the Gambia as a whole. His reservoir of knowledge and expertise will nonetheless be tapped by USET for the realization of its mission and vision within the Gambia and beyond.