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## APPOINTMENT OF DR MWAYIWAWO MADANITSA, EXECUTIVE DEAN, ACADEMY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

The Malawi University of Science and Technology (MUST) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Mwayiwawo Madanitsa as the new Executive Dean for the Academy of Medical Sciences (AMS) with effect from April 1, 2024. Dr Madanitsa takes over from Professor Wilson Mandala who was recently appointed as Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University.

Dr Madanitsa brings a wealth of experience, expertise and strategic partnerships to his new role, having served as a distinguished Senior Research Scientist, Senior Lecturer and Head of the Department for Clinical Sciences at the Academy of Medical Sciences. His illustrious career over three years has been marked by a profound dedication to medical education, research and leadership.

With a PhD in Clinical Epidemiology from the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, University of Liverpool, and the College of Medicine, University of Malawi, alongside a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) from the College of Medicine, Dr Madanitsa possesses a proficient academic background. His professional journey also includes having served as the Deputy Director for the Training and Research Unit Excellence and several academic appointments with reputable international research institutions. His past experiences and significant contributions to academia and scientific research, make him an invaluable asset for the strategic direction of the Academy of Medical Sciences in this new role.

Dr Madanitsa's tenure as the Head of the Department of Clinical Sciences at MUST has been characterized by innovation and excellence. He has demonstrated exceptional leadership and academic excellence in guiding academic and clinical staff, shaping undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, contributing significantly to the strategic vision and mission of the Academy and University as a whole. Dr Madanitsa's commitment to research, championing impactful scientific endeavors and publication is exemplary, with prolific contributions to reputable journals underscoring his dedication to advancing medical science, innovation and influencing health policies at local and international levels. He has also served as a reviewer for several reputable peer reviewed publications and research grant funding bodies.

In addition to his academic pursuits, Dr Madanitsa's service extends to various professional bodies and service within and outside the University, where he contributes his expertise to critical initiatives. He has served on the World Health Organisation (WHO) Evidence Review Group on Intermittent Screening and Treatment (ISTp) and ACT Treatment of Malaria in Pregnancy, and currently serves as Vice Chairperson of the Malawi University of Science and Technology Research Ethics Committee (MUSTREC) and is a member of the Clinical Trials Review Committee (CTRC) of the Pharmacy and Medicines Regulatory Authority (PMRA), and the National Malaria Task Force.

MUST management congratulates Dr Madanitsa on this deserved appointment and welcomes him to the university "Where Excellence Reigns". It also wishes to commit its cooperation and support to Dr Madanitsa for a successful tenure of office.

The management wishes to further express sincere gratitude to Dr Petros Chigwechokha for his exemplary and dedicated service as the Acting Executive Dean over the past three months, during which time he played a pivotal role in maintaining the seamless operations of the Academy. The management wishes Dr Chigwechokha continued success in his ongoing position as the Head of Department for Biological Sciences, recognizing his indispensable contribution and leadership that will continue to be instrumental in advancing the goals of the Academy of Medical Sciences and the University as a whole.

**Professor Address Malata,**  
**Vice Chancellor of MUST**

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