

PROFILE OF PROFESSOR ISRAEL FOLORUNSO ADU

Israel Folorunso Adu is a Professor of Ruminant Nutrition and Management and a former Vice-chancellor of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Nigeria. He was Consultant Academic Planning at the National Open University of Nigeria and the foundation Dean of the School of Postgraduate Studies of that University. He is the immediate past Director of Quality Assurance and Accreditation Agency of the African Council for Distance Education. In this position, Prof Adu coordinated the development of a Quality Assurance Tools and Instruments for Institutional Quality Audit and Programme Accreditation for use in African Open and Distance Learning Institutions. The Toolkit is available in four languages- English, French, Arabic and Portuguese. He is a member of the Advisory Board of Harmonisation of Quality Assurance Initiative in Africa. Until recently, Prof Adu was one of the two Focal Point Men for Quality appointed by the International Council for Distance Education.

Prof Adu is a recognised expert in Livestock Production and on issues related to Quality Assurance in Open and Distance Learning. Prof Adu has facilitated Quality Assurance Workshops in many universities across Africa.

Professionally, Prof Adu is a Registered Animal Scientist, former Chairman, Nationally *coordinated* Small Ruminant Project, former Chairman, African Small Ruminant Research Network, former Member World Council of Animal Production, former President of Nigerian Society for Animal Production and the current President of the Nigerian Institute of Animal Science.

Prof Adu has won many Awards including the maiden edition of Best Vice-chancellor award for Nigerian Universities in 2002 and also for Specialised Universities in 2005. He also won the Kwame Nkrumah Africa Leadership Outstanding Merit Award for Agriculture in 2004. He is a former Chairman, Committee of Vice-chancellors in Nigeria and the pioneer Pro-chancellor of McPherson University. He is Fellow of 3 professional bodies and sits as Director in three registered organisations in Nigeria. Prof Adu has travelled to many countries in 4 continents of the world.