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Date: April 16, 2026

The University Community,

University of Porto
Porto, Portugal

Dear Members of the Committee,

Letter of Support for the Candidacy of Prof. Lasisi Salami Lawal for the Position of Rector

It is with great pride and distinct honour that I write on behalf of the School of Electrical Engineering and Technology at the Federal University of Technology, Minna (FUTMINNA), to formally endorse the candidacy of Prof. Lasisi Salami Lawal for the position of Rector of the University of Porto.

As an alumnus of our institution, Prof. Lawal embodies the excellence and global impact we strive to instill in our graduates. Having followed his distinguished career from his 2000 Electrical Engineering graduation to his current standing as a global authority in satellite communications, we can attest to his visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to academic and professional growth.

Our endorsement is based on several key pillars of his professional character:

1. Proven Institutional Leadership and Service

Prof. Lawal has remained a cornerstone of support for his alma mater. His leadership as the Chairman of the Technical Programme Review Committee (OBE Industrial Board) for our school has been instrumental in aligning our curriculum with global industrial standards. Furthermore, he was a key facilitator in securing the university's first-ever international accreditation, demonstrating his ability to navigate complex global academic frameworks.

2. Global Academic and Regulatory Expertise

His academic credentials, including a PhD from the University of Sussex, and his dual roles as a Professor at Botho University (Botswana) and a Visiting Associate Professor at Usmanu Danfodiyo University (Nigeria), highlight his versatility and international perspective. His appointment as Vice-Chair of the International Telecommunication Union Radiocommunication (ITU-R) Satellite Study Group (2023-2027) further demonstrates that he possesses the high-level diplomatic and technical expertise required to lead a world-class institution such as the University of Porto.

3. Bridging Academia and Industry

Prof. Lawal is not just an academic; he is a practitioner. As a pioneer staff member and Acting General Manager of Technical Services at Nigerian Communications Satellite Ltd (NIGCOMSAT), he has successfully bridged the gap between theoretical research and technological innovation. This rare combination of skills makes him uniquely qualified to foster industry partnerships and drive your esteemed university's innovation agenda.

4. Character and Integrity

Beyond his impressive list of fellowships (FNSE, FNIEEEE, FNISEng, and more), Prof. Lawal is a person of immense integrity and strategic foresight. He has played a crucial role in the successful COREN Accreditation of our engineering programs, showing a hands-on approach to quality assurance that ensures institutional excellence.

We are confident that Prof. Lawal's appointment would bring a transformative global perspective to the University of Porto, strengthening its international ties and enhancing its reputation as a hub for excellence.

We recommend and support him without reservation and look forward to seeing the great strides your university will make under his potential leadership.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. A. Adegboye', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Engr. Prof. B. A. Adegboye
Ag. Dean