

CONGRATULATIONS TO PROF. NZOMO ON PROMOTION TO FULL PROFESSOR

The staff & students of the Institute of Diplomacy & International Studies (IDIS) wish to heartily congratulate Prof. Maria Nzomo- the Director of the Institute- for her promotion on 16 Dec 2014, to *full Professor of International Relations & Governance*.

Prof. Nzomo first made history in her academic field in December 1981- when she became the first Kenyan woman to be awarded a Doctor of Philosophy in Political Science & International Relations after a successful defence of her Doctoral thesis entitled: “*The Impact of Dependency & Underdevelopment on the Foreign Policies of Kenya & Tanzania.*” She has again made history in December 2014, by becoming the first Kenyan woman to attain the position of full Professor in International Relations & Governance-a position well deserved after three decades of dedicated public service to Kenya and to the University of Nairobi.

Prof. Nzomo, a founder member of IDIS in 1990, brings to the Academy not only extensive academic knowledge obtained through her numerous researches and publications in international Relations, Governance & Gender studies, but also from her illustrious six years diplomatic tour as Kenya’s Ambassador & Permanent Representative to the UN & the WTO in Geneva, Switzerland, as well as Kenya’s bilateral Ambassador to Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Swaziland & Lesotho. This diplomatic experience has endowed her with important and enviable practical knowledge that provides a vital link between the theory and practice of Diplomacy and International Studies.

Prof. Nzomo has also previously served in senior positions working with UN agencies such as UNDP, local and international NGOs engaged in applied research, training, knowledge creation, dissemination and other capacity building activities in promotion of gender and human rights in Kenya and Africa.

With her rich public experience in high level leadership & management positions, Prof. Nzomo brings to IDIS & to the UoN invaluable experience and skills, which provide an important bridge with academic scholarship; research and teaching of Diplomacy and International Studies. Her impressive performance as Director of IDIS is a clear testimony of this rich mix of academic and practical leadership experience. HONGERA PROF!.

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