

## PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
June 11, 2016

Contact: Mr Keoagile Rafifing  
Directorate of Communications & Public Affairs  
Email: [dcpa@biust.ac.bw](mailto:dcpa@biust.ac.bw)

### Professor David Norris appointed new Deputy Vice Chancellor



#### Profile: Professor David Norris

Professor David Norris has been appointed Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research and Innovation at the Botswana International University of Science & Technology (BIUST). Norris brings a wealth of experience in research development and innovation, teaching & learning; curriculum development and review.

He is an active researcher and has spearheaded some notable research collaboration and research fundraising (ZAR35,300,00.00) including Capacity Strengthening in Teaching and facilitated experiential collective innovation by NUFFIC based in the Netherlands; Human Wellness in the context of Global Change-finding Solutions for rural Africa founded by VLIR-IUC Programme; in partnership with Flemish Universities and the

University of Limpopo; Zero Hunger and Food Security in Limpopo Province; Smallholder Farmer Support; Enhancing the Sustainability of Livelihoods in Rural Areas through Increasing Food Security and Incomes from Poultry Production; National research Foundation Research Grant Holder; Spearheaded and participated in a number of local and international research collaborations including: RAIEN Africa (Regional Agricultural and Environmental Initiatives); ARC (Agricultural Research Council); USAID; Texas A&M University / Howard G Buffet Foundation; Kansas State University; Penn State University.

He has also published extensively in refereed journals and conference proceedings, supervised and co-supervised a number of Master and PhD Students, as well as an external examiner for various regional and overseas universities. In addition, he is a reviewer, member of editorial and advisory boards of numerous science publications.

He is an experienced leader, researcher and lecturer, having served in different capacities in Botswana, the United States of America (USA), and South Africa. Prior, to joining BIUST, he was the Director of the School of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences at the University of Limpopo, South Africa. He has held number key positions at the University of Limpopo; he joined as Assistant Professor and rose through the ranks to full Professor. He has also lectured at Austin Peay University, USA and worked for the Government of Botswana at the Ministry of Agriculture, as Senior Research Officer. He has also been involved in a number of consultancy and community outreach activities such as: strategies for local economic development; development and management of agricultural business projects, and service delivery optimization strategies.

He holds a PHD in Quantitative Genetics and Animal Breeding from the Michigan State University, Michigan, USA. He read for his MSc in Animal & Forge Sciences from the University of Reading (UK). He also holds a BSc - Biology & Physics attained from the University of Botswana. He also attended a number of leadership and professional programmes including: Certificate - Agricultural Research for Development (ICRA - Netherlands) and Graduate Certificate - Agricultural Research for Development. He was a member of American Dairy Science Society (1997 - 2005); American Society of Animal Science (1995 - 2004) and is currently a member of the South African Society of Animal Science.

‘The BIUST Council and Management are extremely delighted on the appointment of Prof. Norris. He is well vested with scientific research and he is the driver of all BIUST research initiative, he will also strengthen our collaborative linkages with other institutions in order to create a link between Science & Technology; Research & Development which will lead to value-addition to the national economy’, said Prof. O. Totolo, Vice Chancellor.

-END-

[www.biust.ac.bw](http://www.biust.ac.bw)

BIUST | *Driving Change*

