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Prof. Muhammadou M.O. Kah is recently engaged by ADA University in Baku, Azerbaijan as the Vice Rector (Vice President) For Technology & Innovations and also serves as The Founding Dean & Professor of Information Technology & Communications For the School of Information Technology & Engineering. He recently won a generous grant from BP to establish the ADA University's Center For Data Sciences and Big Data Research & Training. Prof.Kah was recently invited to serve on the Ellucian Executive Advisory Council. Ellucian is US base global coportation and is the world leader in Higher Education Technologies. He was also invited to serve as a program committee member for the upcoming EUROSCIENCE FORUM 2018 to be hosted by Toulouse France.

Prof. Kah was the former Vice Chancellor¹ and Professor of Information Technology & Communications at The University of The Gambia (2009-2015). He was the Third Vice Chancellor of The University of The Gambia and the first Gambian to be appointed to the post. During his tenure as Vice Chancellor (VC) he was also the Overseer/Principal of The Gambia Teachers College (The Teachers College of The Gambia). During his tenure as VC, The President of The Gambia appointed him to serve as the Vice Chairman of the National Committee on Science, Technology & Innovation- The Minister for MohERST was the appointed chairman.

At the successful completion of his tenure as The University of The Gambia's 3rd Vice Chancellor and the 1st Gambian to hold the position, The President of the Republic of The Gambia appointed him to serve as the Chairman Designate of the Governing Council of The University of The Gambia- A role he expect to assume in 2017 after a substantive VC is hired. Further, the President of The Republic of The Gambia also appointed him as The President's special advisor on Science, Technology & Innovation policy maters and as a special advisor to the Minister for Basic and Secondary Education and Minister for Higher Education, Research, Science and Technology on Policy matters on Higher Education and STI.

Prof. Kah served as a faculty member in several reputable universities including: Howard University,

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Washington, DC; Rutgers University, NJ and American University, Washington, DC; American University of Sharjah, UAE and the American University of Nigeria. He also taught as an Adjunct Associate Professor at George Washington University, Washington, DC; and Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Canada's extension program in The Gambia. Prof. Kah was the Founding Dean of the School of Information, Technology and Communications (2005-2009) and doubled as Interim Dean for the School of Business & Entrepreneurship (2006-2007) at the American University of Nigeria. He was the Founding Director of the African Center for ICT Innovations and Training (2005-2009) and doubled as Chief Information Officer (CIO) (2008- 2009) at The American University of Nigeria.

He also served as Chairman of the Information Systems and Operations Management Department at the American University of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates (2003-2005). His corporate work experience includes AT&T Bell Laboratories, Strand Management Solutions, Inc., Educational Testing Services (ETS) and The World Bank, etc.

Prof. Kah serves the local and international community in various capacities. He is currently the Vice Chairman of the Association for Information Systems (AIS- International Association of Information Systems/IT Academics) - Special Interest Group on ICT and Global Development; **Vice Chairman** of The National (The Gambia) Committee on Science, Technology & Innovation; **Chairman of the Board** of Zenith Bank, The Gambia; **Chairman of the Board**, The Gambia International Airlines (GIA); **Chairman** of the Board, The Gambia Hospitality Institute (GTHI); Board member of The Gambia Chartered Institute of Bankers; Board member of The American University of Nigeria, Yola, Adamawa State, Nigeria.

In addition, Prof. Kah also serves as a Board Member of The African University of Science and Technology, Abuja, Nigeria (AUST); Board Member of the Nigeria Federal Government's Abuja Technology Village (ATV); Board Member of The Nigeria Communications Commission's Digital Bridge Institute (DBI), Abuja, Nigeria; Board Member of The Gambia Standards Bureau; Member of the Network Advisory Committee (NAC) of The African Growth and Modeling Consortium of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington, DC; Member of the Scientific & Technical Committee of West and Central African Council on Agricultural Research and Development (CORAF/WE CARD); Board Member- the West African International School (WAIS), The Gambia; Board Member, Francis Degaul Njie Foundation, The Gambia; Board Member of The Africa Brain Gain Foundation, Kenya; and is a Charter Member of the KPMG Information Systems Ph.D. Project (USA), etc.

On February 05, 2016, The University of The Gambia awarded Doctor of Science (Honoris Causa) at the University's 9th Graduation Ceremony. In January 2015, Prof. Kah was honored with an appointment as a **Fellow of the Cambridge Judge Business School, University of Cambridge, UK.**

Further, Prof. Kah is also the recipient of the **2014 President of The Republic of The Gambia National Leadership Award.** He was also honored by The President of the Republic of The Gambia

with his second national award with the insignia **Officer of the Republic of The Gambia (ORG), 2014**. In addition, Prof. Kah was honored by the President of The Republic of The Gambia with his first national award with the insignia of **Member of the National Order of the Republic of The Gambia (MRG), 2010**.

In addition, his efforts in Higher Education in Africa was recognized by conferring to him a **Chieftaincy Title/ Recognition- Ezi Enyi I**, by the Obi-Mbieri Autonomous Community, Mbieri, Mbaitoli, L.G., Imo State, Nigeria. He was also recently recognized for a **Distinguish Award of Excellence as Great Ife Fellow- Great IFE Alumni Association – The Gambia Chapter- OAU, IFE, Nigeria**.

Recently, Prof. Kah served as a **member of distinguished scientist juror for the review and selection of the 2013 African Union Regional Award For Scientific Women organized by the ECOWAS commission in collaboration with the African Union (AU)**. In addition, in January 2015, he was amongst esteemed scientists from OIC member countries as a distinguished **member of the Selection Committee of the 13th Edition of the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Prizes for Science & Technology**.

Prof. Kah completed his BS, MS. and Ph.D. at the Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, NJ, one of the top Engineering and Technology Management universities in the USA. Prof. Kah also holds a Masters of Science in Finance (Financial Engineering) from The George Washington University, Washington, DC.

In addition, recently Prof. Kah completed the **Advance Leadership (ALP) Executive Program of the Cambridge Judge Business School, University of Cambridge** and is completing the **Postgraduate Diploma on Strategy & Innovation at the Said Business School, University of Oxford, UK**.

One of the African Continent's eminent scholars on Information Technology and Development, Prof. Kah's current academic research includes exploring ways in which advances in information communication technologies and innovations contribute to poverty reduction, education, economic growth & development, and enhance quality of life for developing economies and communities as well as improve government processes and organizations in developing economies. He is very much interested in innovative ways of improving education and building capacity and competences, especially the teaching of the sciences, mathematics and computing using ICT's for students and teachers in developing countries

He has published several refereed conference papers, book chapters and peer reviewed articles in reputable academic Journals such as ***Journal of Franklin Institute, Journal of the Operation Research Society, Journal of Information Technology & Applications, Journal of Information Technology & Development, Journal of Micro-Finance, Journal of Information and Knowledge Management, Journal of Information Technology, The Pacific Journal of Science & Technology, Journal of African Administrative Studies, Electronic Journal of Information Systems in Developing Countries***, etc. He also serves in the editorial review board of the International Journal of Knowledge Management, USA; Journal of Information Technology for Development, USA; and also in the advisory board of the recently launched African Journal of Information Systems, USA, etc.