



**PRESS RELEASE**

**APPOINTMENT OF HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS  
FOR THE 2025/26-2027/28 TRIENNIUM**

The State University of Zanzibar (SUZA) hereby informs the University community and the general public that the Acting Vice Chancellor has appointed new Heads of Departments across the Directorate, Schools and Institute. These appointments have been made under the authority vested in the Vice Chancellor by Section (30) of the State University of Zanzibar Act No. 8 of 1999.

**DIRECTORATE OF GRADUATE STUDIES, RESEARCH  
AND CONSULTANCY (DGSRC)**



**Dr. Kijakazi Omar Makame**

***Head, Department of Graduate Studies***

Dr. Kijakazi Omar Makame is a Lecturer in Kiswahili holding a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Kiswahili and a Master of Arts (MA) in Kiswahili, both from the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Education (BA. Ed) with a major in Kiswahili from the State University of Zanzibar (SUZA). Dr. Kijakazi has an established record of scholarly publication, having contributed articles to academic journals and co-authored a Kiswahili language textbook for foreign learners. She has also served as Assistant Editor of the Jahazi Journal, published by the Zanzibar Kiswahili Council (BAKIZA). In terms of professional engagement, Dr. Kijakazi has served as a Member of the Zanzibar Kiswahili Council (BAKIZA) and as a Member of the Board of the Copyright Society of Zanzibar (COSOZA), reflecting her broader commitment to language policy and intellectual property matters in Zanzibar. Throughout her academic career at SUZA, Dr. Kijakazi has held several distinguished leadership positions, including Head of the Department of Kiswahili for Foreigners, Head of the Global Centre for Kiswahili Studies and Advancement and Head of the Department of Kiswahili in the School of Kiswahili and Foreign Languages.



**Dr. Idrisa Yussuf Hamad**

***Head, Department of Research***

Dr. Idrissa is a Lecturer at the State University of Zanzibar (SUZA) and an accomplished academic, researcher, and environmental specialist with over 17 years of experience in university teaching, research, and professional practice. He specializes in Geography, Environmental Studies, and Marine and Coastal Sciences, with expertise in environmental monitoring, climate change assessment, GIS, remote sensing, and drone-based applications. He holds a PhD in Ecoscience from Aarhus University, Denmark, an MSc in Environmental Science from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry, USA, and a BA with Education (Geography major) from the State University of Zanzibar. He has made notable contributions to teaching, research, curriculum development, and academic leadership at SUZA, and has also played important roles in national and institutional initiatives related to environmental policy, climate adaptation, coastal and marine ecosystem management, and interdisciplinary research partnerships



**Dr. Said M. Khamis**

***Head, Department of Consultancy***

Dr. Said is a Lecturer, Researcher, and International Development Consultant with extensive experience in entrepreneurship, strategic planning, governance, institutional reform, and social protection. He holds a PhD in Entrepreneurship from the University Tun Abdul Razak, Malaysia, MA in Development Studies and BA in Political Science and International Relations from the University of Dar-es Salaam. He currently serves as a Lecturer at the School of Business, State University of Zanzibar (SUZA), where he teaches courses in entrepreneurship, innovation, business research and business communication. His areas of interest include entrepreneurship and innovation ecosystems, institutional transformation, public sector reform, social protection systems, gender and inclusive development, research and policy analysis, and youth empowerment through skills and enterprise development.



**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION (SoE)**



**Dr. Abdulrahman S. Khamis**

***Head, Department of Educational Foundations Instructions and Leadership***

Dr. Abdulrahman Suleiman Khamis is a Lecturer in the Department of Educational Foundation, Instruction and Leadership (DEFIL), School of Education, The State University of Zanzibar (SUZA). He holds a PhD in Education from the University of Dar es Salaam, MA in Education from the University of Dodoma, and a BA with Education from SUZA. He specializes in Inclusive Education, Educational Psychology and Curriculum studies. Dr. Khamis has extensive experience in teaching, research, and curriculum development, and is an active contributor to higher education transformation through innovative pedagogy and competence-based approaches at the State University of Zanzibar. He has served as a member of the SUZA Curriculum Review Team (2024–2025) and has facilitated numerous trainings on gender-responsive pedagogy and teaching innovations. He also supports both local and international initiatives that promote gender equity in education across Zanzibar. Dr. Khamis's research focuses on gender in education, particularly in early childhood education, and its implications for teaching and learning. He continues to contribute to academic development through research, training, and community engagement.



**Ms. Mwanamrisho G. Haji**

***Acting Head, Department of Early Childhood, Primary, Inclusive and Special Needs Education***

Ms. Mwanamrisho holds a Master of Education degree in Youth, Gender and Development and a Bachelor of Arts with education. She is currently a PhD candidate in Gender and Education at the University of Dodoma. She has served as Head of the Department of Educational Foundation, Instruction and Leadership from 2020 to April 2026. Her academic work and professional practice focus on gender, youth, inclusive and educational leadership, and she teaches undergraduate courses in education.





**SCHOOL OF NATURAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (SNSS)**



**Dr. Haji Faki Haji**

***Head, Department of Natural Sciences***

Dr. Haji is a Lecturer in Physics at the State University of Zanzibar (SUZA). He holds a PhD in Physics (2024) from the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), where he also pursued an MSc in Physics (2014). He earned a Bachelor of Science with Education (BSc. Ed) in Physics and Mathematics from SUZA (2009). Dr. Haji's academic and research expertise spans thin-film technologies with a focus on energy conservation and efficiency and on the thermochromic properties of vanadium dioxide (VO<sub>2</sub>)-based thin films for smart window applications. His work contributes to the development of energy-efficient materials and sustainable building technologies. He is also experienced in operating a range of advanced scientific instruments for materials characterization and thin-film fabrication. He has more than fifteen years of experience in teaching, research, and consultation at SUZA.



**Dr. Saada Omar Wahab**

***Head, Department of Social Sciences***

Dr. Saada Omar Wahab is a Lecturer within the School of Natural and Social Sciences at the State University of Zanzibar (SUZA). She is member of the Department of Social Sciences where she has served as the Program Coordinator for History and Archaeology since 2022. Dr. Wahab holds a PhD in Social Science from the University of Göttingen, Germany (2023), an MA in History from the University of Dar es Salaam (2010), and a BA with Education from SUZA (2007). Her standing in the academic community is further evidenced by her role as a certified reviewer for Zamani, a journal of African Historical Studies, where she contributes her expertise to the evaluation of scholarly research in the region. Her research capacity is centred on the socio-legal history of Islamic slavery and manumission, with a specific focus on gender dynamics and the lives of diaspora communities. She is deeply invested in the preservation of the cultural heritage of these communities along the East African coast.





**SCHOOL OF COMPUTING COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA STUDIES (SCCMS)**



**Dr. Omar Haji Kombo**

***Head, Department of Computer Science***

Dr. Omar is a Lecturer in Computer Science with a PhD in Internet of Things (IoT) – Wireless Intelligent Sensor Networks from the University of Rwanda's African Centre of Excellence in IoT, Rwanda. He received the MSc Computer Science from the VIT University, India, and BSc in Computer Science from the State University of Zanzibar (SUZA). He has a strong publication record in peer-reviewed journals and serves as a reviewer for several reputable international publications. Additionally, from 2023 to 2026, Dr. Omar headed the Department of Computer Science and Information Technology, spearheading significant developments and fostering innovation in academic programs and research initiatives



**Dr. Khamis Juma Abdalla**

***Head, Department of Media Studies and Communication***

Dr Khamis is a prominent scholar in Media and Communication, holding a PhD in Journalism from Marmara University, Istanbul; an International Master's degree in Policy and Leadership from East China Normal University, Shanghai; and a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication from the Muslim University of Morogoro, Tanzania. His expertise spans over 17 years in media production, corporate communication, and higher education. He has published widely on media, communication, and education policy, and he works as a freelance journalist with various local media outlets and as an international correspondent for Hunan Daily in China. In addition to his academic and journalistic roles, Dr Abdalla is actively engaged in community development, consultancy, and professional training in media and communication across East Africa and beyond.





**SCHOOL OF KISWAHILI AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES (SKFL)**



**Dr. Masoud Nassor Masoud**

***Head, Department of Kiswahili***

Dr. Masoud is a Senior Lecturer in Kiswahili Studies at the State University of Zanzibar (SUZA), where he specialises in Kiswahili literature. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Kiswahili from SUZA, a Master of Arts in Kiswahili from the Islamic University in Uganda (IUIU), and a Bachelor of Arts with Education from the State University of Zanzibar. Dr. Masoud has made significant and widely recognised contributions to the field of Kiswahili studies, having published several academic articles in both local and international peer-reviewed journals, and also serving as an editor of various Kiswahili journals. In terms of leadership and professional service, Dr. Masoud served as Head of the Department of Kiswahili at SUZA from 2019 to 2022, and as a Member of the Zanzibar Kiswahili Council (BAKIZA) from 2019 to 2024, contributing actively to language policy and the promotion of Kiswahili at the institutional and national levels.



**Dr. Ali Saleh Khalfan**

***Head, Department of Foreign Languages***

Dr. Ally is a lecturer, linguist and Kiswahili scholar specializing in general linguistics, applied linguistics, lexicography, translation and language technology. He holds a PhD in Kiswahili from the State University of Zanzibar, an MA in Linguistics from the University of Dar es Salaam, and a BA with Education from SUZA. His research focuses on Kiswahili terminology development, particularly in computer science and ICT, as well as language pedagogy. Dr. Khalfan has held leadership roles as Coordinator of the Centre for Swahili Studies and Advancement, Head of the Department of Foreign Languages, and Head of the Department of Kiswahili for Foreigners at SUZA. He has also served as Chairperson of Standards Editing Committee of the Zanzibar Bureau of Standards (ZBS) and as External Examiner for National Examination Council of Tanzania and Zanzibar Examination Council, contributing to curriculum quality and national assessment standards.





**Dr. Maimuna Ahmed Juma Makallo**

***Head, Department of Kiswahili for Foreigners***

Dr. Maimuna is a Lecturer in Kiswahili at the School of Kiswahili and Foreign Languages, where she contributes to the teaching and development of Kiswahili language and linguistics. She brings a rich and diverse academic background to her role, having pursued her studies across distinguished East African institutions.

Maimuna holds a PhD in Kiswahili from the Open University of Tanzania, through which she has demonstrated a high level of scholarly engagement with Kiswahili language, literature and related disciplines. She also holds a Master of Arts in Kiswahili and a Bachelor of Science in Mass Communication, both from the Islamic University in Uganda. This combination of advanced linguistic study and communication training equips her with a broad interdisciplinary perspective that enriches her teaching and research.

**SCHOOL OF BUSINESS (SoB)**



**Dr. Khatib Mjaka Mkuu**

***Head, Department of Procurement and Management Supply***

Dr. Khatib is an accomplished academic and financial expert at the State University of Zanzibar (SUZA). He holds a PhD in Management from Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (2021), a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the National University of Malaysia (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, UKM) (2012), and an Advanced Diploma in Financial Administration from the Zanzibar Institute of Financial Administration (2007).

Renowned for his strong integration of theory and practice, Dr. Mkuu has built a distinguished career marked by intellectual rigor, leadership and professional versatility. His expertise spans both conventional and Islamic finance, positioning him as a key contributor to the advancement of modern financial management and governance.





**Dr. Waziri Ali Hamad**

***Head, Department of Economics***

Dr. Waziri is an accomplished academic and researcher in the field of Economics, with over ten years of experience in teaching and scholarly work. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Economics from Universiti Tun-Abdul Razak, Malaysia, Master's Degree in Economics from Ajou University, South Korea and a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from Zanzibar University, Tanzania. He currently serves as a lecturer in the Department of Economics at the School of Business, State University of Zanzibar. Dr. Hamad's research specialization lies in Natural Resource Economics, Sustainable Livelihoods and Environmental Policy, with a strong emphasis on the application of advanced macroeconomic and econometric techniques to analyze resource management challenges. He has demonstrated significant expertise in quantitative research methodologies, including the use of SPSS, AMOS and SMART-PLS and has contributed to evidence-based policymaking through consultancy roles with government institutions. His scholarly contributions include numerous peer reviewed publications addressing rural entrepreneurship, blue economy initiatives and livelihood enhancement among small-scale communities in Tanzania, reflecting a strong commitment to advancing sustainable development.



**Dr. Ashura H. Mrisho**

***Head, Department of Entrepreneurship***

Dr. Ashura is an accomplished academic and business studies professional whose work spans marketing, entrepreneurship and organizational productivity. She holds a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Business Administration from the University of Dodoma (UDOM), a Master of Science (MSc) in International Trade from the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM) and a Bachelor of Business Administration with a major in Marketing from Zanzibar University. Dr. Ashura's academic and professional focus centres on marketing strategy and productivity improvement, areas in which she has developed considerable depth of expertise. She teaches both postgraduate and undergraduate courses in Marketing, Entrepreneurship, and Management, contributing to the development of a new generation of business leaders and entrepreneurs equipped to navigate local and international markets.





**Dr. Fauz Moh'd Khamis**

***Head, Department of Accounting and Finance***

Dr Fauz is a distinguished academic, researcher and consultant currently serving at the State University of Zanzibar (SUZA). A Certified Public Accountant (CPA-T), Dr. Khamis earned his PhD in Islamic Finance and Banking from the prestigious Islamic Business School at Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM). His academic foundation is further bolstered by an MSc in Islamic Finance and Banking from UUM and a Bachelor of Financial Administration from the Zanzibar Institute of Financial Administration. Dr. Khamis possesses deep expertise in taxation, financial analysis, and financial inclusion. His career is dedicated to enhancing Islamic banking performance and fostering sustainable financial management within both local and international contexts.

### SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURES (SoA)



**Ms. Saumu Salum Ali**

***Acting Head, Department of Crop Science***

Ms. Saumu Salum Ali is a passionate Food Scientist and Nutritionist with a strong academic background in food science and human nutrition. She holds a Master of Science of Nutrition and Food Science from Xi'an Jiao tong University in China, Bachelor's degree in Human Nutrition from the Sokoine University of Agriculture and Diploma of General Agriculture. Her academic and research interests focus on agriculture, food system, food safety, food preservation, and nutrition interventions in local communities. Actively involved in curriculum development, research, and international and national projects on climate-smart agriculture, food security, and nutrition, in collaboration with organizations such as IITA, USDA, FAO, and JICA. Also engaged in training, mentorship, and community-based nutrition and agricultural development initiatives. Ms. Saumu is committed to applying scientific knowledge to address real-world challenges in food systems.



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**Ms. Salma Yahya Shehe**

***Acting Head, Department of Agriculture Extension and Community Development***

Ms. Salma is an Assistant Lecturer in Agribusiness Studies, bringing a rich and interdisciplinary academic background in rural development, finance, and agricultural studies to her teaching role. She holds a Master's degree in Rural Development and Management Studies from China Agricultural University, a Bachelor's degree in Development Finance and Investment Planning from the Institute of Rural Development Planning (IRDP) in Dodoma. This diverse combination of qualifications, spanning international and local institutions, equips her with both the theoretical grounding and practical perspective necessary to make a meaningful contribution to agribusiness education, rural economic development, and investment planning in Zanzibar and beyond.

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**Mr. Abrahman Suleiman Issa**

***Acting Head, Department of Animal Science and Aquaculture***

Mr. Abrahman Suleiman Issa is an Assistant Lecturer at the State University of Zanzibar (SUZA), specialising in animal production, livestock value chain development and climate-smart agricultural practices. He holds a Master of Science in Agricultural Production Chain Management from Van Hall Larenstein University of Applied Sciences in the Netherlands and a Bachelor of Science in Range Management from Sokoine University of Agriculture. With a strong background in both academia and applied research, Mr. Abrahman has served as a Technical Coordinator in dairy value chain development under JUMAWAZA and as a National Consultant with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). He currently serves as Chairperson of the Advisory Board of the Zanzibar Green Culture Organisation (ZAGCO), where he supports youth mentorship and agribusiness development.

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**SCHOOL OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SCIENCES (SHMS)**



**Dr. Rukia Rajab Bakar**

***Head, Department of Nursing and Midwifery***

Dr. Rukia is a distinguished Lecturer in Nursing and Midwifery at the State University of Zanzibar (SUZA), with a specialisation in public health. She brings extensive academic, professional, and leadership experience to her role as Head of the Nursing Department. Dr. Rukia holds a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Public Health and a Master of Public Health, both from Kilimanjaro Christian Medical University College (KCMUCo), Moshi, Tanzania, as well as a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Aga Khan University, Dar es Salaam. She further holds a Diploma in Health Personnel Education from CEDHA, Arusha, and a Certificate in Nursing and Midwifery from the College of Health Sciences, Mbwani, Zanzibar. Beyond her academic responsibilities, Dr. Rukia serves as Chairperson of the Advisory Board at Mnazi Mmoja Hospital and is an active member of both the Zanzibar Nurses Association (ZANA) and the Zanzibar Biosafety Committee (ZABICO).



**Dr. Sanaa S. Said**

***Head, Department of Internal Medicine***

Dr. Sanaa Said is a Lecturer at the State University of Zanzibar (SUZA), where she is actively involved in teaching, academic mentorship and research. Dr. Sanaa holds a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Health Professions and Clinical Sciences from the University of Bergen (UiB), Norway and a Master's degree in Internal Medicine from the University of Nairobi. Her research and academic work focus on health systems strengthening, non-communicable diseases and evidence-based clinical practice. She has contributed to research initiatives aimed at improving healthcare delivery and outcomes in Zanzibar, with a particular emphasis on translating evidence into policy and practice. Through her teaching and research, Dr. Sanaa remains committed to advancing medical knowledge, supporting student development, and contributing to the sustainable improvement of health systems in the region.





**Dr. Chukwuma James Okafor**

***Head, Department of Pathology and Biochemistry***

Dr. Chukwuma Okafor is a prominent scholar specializing in Clinical Pathology and Public Health Research. He earned his PhD and MSc in Chemical Pathology and Immunology from Olabisi Onabanjo University, Nigeria, complemented by an MPH from Lagos State University and a BSc in Chemical Pathology, all of which are WES-certified for the USA and Canada. A prolific researcher, Dr Okafor has authored over 100 publications in elite medical and scientific journals, garnering more than 800 citations. His professional standing is marked by several prestigious fellowships, including the Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria, the Royal Society for Public Health (UK), and the Institute of Biomedical Science (UK). He is also a certified member of the American Society for Clinical Pathology. Currently, he serves as the Head of the Department of Pathology and Biochemistry and the Head of Research and Publications at the School of Health and Medical Sciences, SUZA. His current research supervision includes two PhD candidates, with a focus on Oxidative stress, Diabetes complications, toxicology, oncology, and Medicinal plants



**Mr. Mustapha Akajewole Masud**

***Head, Department of Anatomy***

Mr. Mustapha Akajewole Masud is an experienced anatomist, academic and administrator with over ten years of teaching experience and seven years in academic leadership, having previously served as Acting Head of the Department of Anatomy and, on some occasions, Acting Head of the Department of Physiology. Mr. Masud has contributed significantly to strengthening and standardizing teaching and learning practices within the institution. Holding a Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Anatomy, he has authored twenty-two peer-reviewed journal publications and is recognized for a collaborative, strategic, and results-oriented leadership approach, with a strong commitment to excellence, innovation, and impactful leadership in higher education





**Prof. Diane Millo Martin**

***Head, Department of Physiology***

Prof. Diane Millo Martín is a Lecturer in Physiology. She obtained a Bachelor of Nursing from Camagüey Medical University in 2000, followed by Medical Doctor. Master's degree in Infectious Diseases in 2008 and a First-Degree Specialization in Normal and Pathological Physiology in 2012. She has served as a Lecturer in physiology and related disciplines since 2008 at Camagüey Medical University, where she also became Senior Lecturer in 2020 at University of Medical Sciences of Camaguey and currently contributes as a Methodology Professor in Physiological Sciences. Her international academic experience includes teaching at the Medical University of Gambia between 2014 and 2018, and she has also lectured in cardiovascular diseases and postgraduate medical training programs. Prof. Millo Martín has received recognition for outstanding teaching performance and has an active research profile, with multiple peer-reviewed publications.



**Ms. Khadija Ramadhan Makame**

***Head, Department of Allied Health***

Khadija Ramadhan Makame is an Environment and Public Health expert and a Lecturer in the Department of Allied Health at the School of Health and Medical Sciences, State University of Zanzibar (SUZA). She holds an MSc. in Environmental and Occupational Health and a BSc. in Environmental Health Sciences from Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS). Her professional and research interests focus on occupational health and toxicology, with current work examining the toxicological effects of glyphosate and glyphosate-based herbicide formulations. She is particularly interested in occupational hazards and mitigation strategies among informal workers. Khadija is a member of the Tanzania Occupational Health and Safety Association (TOHASA) and the founder of Zanzibar Occupational and Environmental Health Consult (ZOEHC).





**Dr. Fat-hiya Abdallah Said**

***Head, Department of Paediatric***

Dr. Fat-hiya Abdallah Said is a Lecturer in the Department of Paediatrics at the School of Health and Medical Sciences, State University of Zanzibar (SUZA), and a specialist Paediatrician with a super-specialization in Paediatric Haematology and Oncology. She holds an MSc in Paediatric Haematooncology from Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences, an MMed in Paediatrics from the International Medical and Technological University, Dar es Salaam, and an MD from the University of Dar es Salaam through Muhimbili University College of Health Sciences. She has served as Assistant Head of Paediatrics at Mnazi Mmoja Hospital and as Acting Head of the Paediatrics Department at SUZA, and has published several articles in peer-reviewed medical journals. At the national level, she serves on the National Committee for the Verification of Measles Elimination in Tanzania and the Zanzibar Pharmacovigilance Committee. A pioneering figure in paediatric cancer management in Zanzibar, Dr. Fat-hiya participates in the National Paediatric Cancer Control Planning programme (NCCP iCAYA) in collaboration with St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, reflecting her commitment to improving cancer care for children and young people across Tanzania



**Dr. Ali Said Yussuf**

***Head, Department of Surgery***

Dr. Ali is a Senior Lecturer at the State University of Zanzibar (SUZA), with extensive expertise in anesthesia, surgery, and critical medicine. He earned his PhD and Master of Medicine in Anesthesia from Wuhan University, complemented by advanced training in anesthetic sciences, clinical medicine, and traditional Chinese medicine. Dr. Yussuf has held key leadership roles, including Acting Dean of the School of Health & Medical Sciences, Chairman of the Zanzibar Health Research Committee, and Board Member of the Zanzibar Health Research Institute. His academic work emphasizes curriculum development, scenario-based teaching, and the integration of visual communication into medical education. His research interests include emergency medicine education, triage systems, burn management, and pharmacology. Through his leadership and mentorship, Dr. Yussuf continues to inspire innovation in medical education and strengthen healthcare research for the benefit of Zanzibar and beyond.





**Mr. Adam Rashid Suleiman**

***Acting Head, Department of Microbiology and Parasitology***

Mr. Adam Rashid Suleiman is a Senior Tutor at the School of Health and Medical Science, SUZA, specializing in Tropical Disease Control in the field of Public Health. With over ten years of experience in teaching and engaging in projects and research work at both national and international level. He extensively involved in research focuses on tackling transmission dynamics of neglected infectious diseases previously led a team as a supervisor in comprehensive malaria control interventions in coordination with Zanzibar Malaria Elimination Program from 2020 to 2022. He further contributed in the various projects in a collaboration with Bremen University in Germany. Mr. Adam Rashid earned his MSc degree in Tropical Disease Control from Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences and BSc with Education from the State University of Zanzibar. He currently serves as an academic and secretary of all meetings of the School of Health and Medical Science.



**Dr. Rodolfo Isidro Bosch Bayard**

***Head, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology***

Dr. Rodolfo Isidro Bosch Bayard is a medical doctor and specialist in Internal Medicine, trained at the University of Medical Sciences of Havana, Cuba, where he obtained both first- and second-degree specializations in Internal Medicine. He holds master's degrees in Urgencies and Medical Emergencies in Primary Health Care, Public Health and Ageing, and Dementia Syndrome, reflecting a strong academic focus on clinical care and population health. He was appointed Associate Professor in 2009 at the University of Medical Sciences of Havana, Cuba, and served as Head of the Internal Medicine Department at Carlos J. Finlay Faculty of Medicine from 2017 to 2021. Since 2021, he has been a Lecturer at the State University of Zanzibar (SUZA), where he was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 2025. Dr. Bosch Bayard has been an active member of the international 10/66 Dementia Research Group for five years and has authored several publications in peer-reviewed journals





**INSTITUTE OF TOURISM (IoT)**



**Mr. Malik O. Mohamed**

***Acting Head, Department of Hospitality***

Maliki O. Mohamed is a distinguished academic and tourism expert, currently serving as Assistant Lecturer and Research Coordinator at the Institute of Tourism under the State University of Zanzibar (SUZA). He holds a Master's in Tourism Management and Planning and a Bachelor's in Cultural Anthropology and Tourism. Mr. Mohamed has held key leadership and academic roles at SUZA, including Head of the Tourism Department and tourism program coordinator. His experience spans teaching, research coordination, curriculum development, and capacity building in the tourism sector. His primary research interests include sustainable tourism development, environmental management in hospitality, tourism policy and planning, entrepreneurship, and institutional pressures and organizational behavior.



**Ms. Zaituni Mussa Ali**

***Acting Head, Department of Tourism***

Ms. Zaituni is an academic specializing in Tourism Management and Marketing. She holds an MSc in Tourism Management and Marketing from Bournemouth University, United Kingdom (2017), and a BA in Tourism and Cultural Heritage Management from the University of Dodoma, Tanzania (2012). Ms. Ali has served as Head of the Hospitality Department at the Institute of Tourism and as a member of the Tourism and Trade Committee of the Zanzibar Business Council (ZNBC). Ms. Ali has extensive experience in developing and managing tourism-industry partnerships, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, teaching, and curricular development. Her research interests focus on the intersections of community engagement, destination branding, industry transformation, consumer behaviour, and policy frameworks. Through her scholarly work, Ms. Ali examines how these domains collectively contribute to advancing tourism in an equitable and sustainable manner across both established and emerging destinations.





**SCHOOL OF CONTINUING AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION (SCOPE)**



**Dr. Huda Ahmed Yussuf**

***Head, Department of Coordination of Continuing Professional Education***

Dr. Huda Ahmed Yussuf is a Lecturer in Economics at the State University of Zanzibar with a PhD in Comparative Finance. Her academic work focuses on Islamic finance, trade, and entrepreneurship, with publications including a co-authored book by International Institute of Islamic Thought and contributions to volumes published by Springer. She has held academic leadership roles, including Head of Department at Muslim University of Morogoro and brings extensive experience in research and institutional management. She sits in different Boards in Islamic finance and public institutions. Dr. Huda is actively engaged in Islamic finance across academic and public spheres, demonstrating strong leadership in research, policy engagement, and capacity building in East Africa.



**Dr. Layla Ali Salum**

***Head, Department of Coordination and Management of Continuing Education***

Dr. Layla Ali Salum is a Lecturer in Geography and Environmental Studies. She holds a PhD in Climate Change and Sustainable Development from the University of Dar es Salaam (UDSM), an M.A. in Geography and Environmental Studies from University of Dar es salaam (UDSM), and a B.A. in Education from the State University of Zanzibar (SUZA). Her research focuses on climate change and environmental sustainability. In addition to her academic work, she is a highly credentialed environmental professional, certified and registered with the Zanzibar Environmental Management Authority (ZEMA), where she provides professional support to address and respond to environmental challenges.





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**DIRECTORATE OF LIBRARY SERVICE**



**Ms. Mwanakheri Abdallah Abdalla**

***Head, Department of User Services***

Ms. Mwanakheri is a Library Officer and the Officer-in-Charge of the SHMS Library, where she plays a central role in the delivery and management of library and information services. She holds both a Master's degree and a Bachelor's degree in Library and Information Studies, providing her with a strong academic foundation in the field. In addition to her library responsibilities, Ms. Abdalla serves as a lecturer, teaching certificate and diploma courses in Library Studies. This dual role reflects her commitment not only to providing quality information services but also to nurturing the professional development of the next generation of library and information practitioners. Ms. Abdalla is deeply committed to serving the SUZA community by ensuring equitable access to information and maintaining high standards of library service.



**Mr. Haji Ramadhan Muhajir**

***Head, Department of Electronic Resources***

Haji Muhajir is a library and information professional currently in the final stage of his Master's degree studies. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Library and Information Studies (BALIS) from Tumaini University Dar es Salaam College (TUDARCo). He has developed strong interest and experience in electronic resources management, digital libraries and information services. To strengthen his professional capacity, he has attended several short courses and professional trainings on electronic resource management organized by INASP, Research4Life, COTUL, TERNET and the Tanzania Library and Information Association (TLA). These trainings focused on improving skills in access, management, and utilization of electronic information resources in academic and research institutions. His academic and professional interests include digital information services, electronic resource management, and improving access to scholarly information for teaching, learning and research.





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**Mr. Mohamed Khamis Kombo**

***Head, Department of Printing and Binding***

Mr. Mohamed Khamis Kombo is a Principal Librarian in the Directorate of Library at the State University of Zanzibar. He holds a Diploma of Library and Documentation Studies from SLADS (2005), Bachelor of Library and Information studies (2011) from Tumaini University, a Master of Arts in Library Information Studies (2017) from the University of Dar es Salaam. He served as the first Coordinator of SUZA American Corner for five years. He also has been serving in as Director of Library Services demonstrating commendable leadership, professionalism, and strategic coordination. Mr. Mohamed Khamis Kombo is professional footprint reflects strong engagement in the areas of Library and Information Services. Beyond this, he has undertaken assignments with different Professional Organizations such as Association of Zanzibar Librarians and Information Specialists as the General Secretary, Board 's Member of Zanzibar Library Services.

**The University congratulates all the appointees and wish  
them success in fulfilling their duties**

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