



NAMIBIA UNIVERSITY
OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Professor Frednard Gideon Assumes Office as NUST Vice-Chancellor

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Following the Council's announcement of the appointment of Professor Frednard Gideon as Vice-Chancellor on 29 April 2026, the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) is pleased to announce that Professor Gideon officially assumed office on 01 August 2026, in accordance with the Council's resolution.

Prof Gideon brings more than 25 years of distinguished experience in higher education, including 17 years in academic leadership and 11 years in executive leadership at the University of Namibia (UNAM). Throughout his career, he has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to academic excellence, institutional transformation, research, innovation, and the advancement of higher education. His leadership philosophy is underpinned by a strong belief in inclusive education, innovation, digital transformation, and the cultivation of strategic partnerships that create meaningful impact for society.

An accomplished academic and executive leader, Prof Gideon holds a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Applied Mathematics, a Master of Science in Mathematics, a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Applied Mathematics, a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Physics, and a Master of Business Administration (MBA). His extensive experience spans university governance, strategic planning, research development, academic administration, and stakeholder engagement, positioning him well to lead NUST through its next phase of institutional growth and global competitiveness.

Council regards Professor Gideon's appointment as timely in the University's evolution and a pivotal moment in positioning NUST for its next phase of strategic growth. His appointment coincides with the implementation of the Integrated Strategic Business Plan (ISBP) 2026-2030, which sets an ambitious agenda for institutional transformation, academic excellence, innovation and sustainable impact.

Under this strategic framework, NUST will accelerate efforts to expand access to quality higher education, strengthen research, innovation and entrepreneurship, deepen international partnerships, enhance graduate employability, and reinforce its contribution to Namibia's socio-economic development. The University will also continue to consolidate its position as Namibia's premier institution of applied science and technology, delivering future-focused education, producing industry-ready graduates, and developing innovative solutions to national, regional and global challenges.

As the Council, we are confident that, under Professor Gideon's leadership, NUST will continue to build on its strong institutional foundations, foster a culture of excellence and innovation and strengthen its role as a leading university of science and technology in Africa.

The Council therefore calls upon all stakeholders, partners and the broader community to support Professor Gideon as he leads NUST into a new era of applied science and research, innovation and global engagement.

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