



## LINKING SCHOLARSHIP TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: **A VIRTUAL FORUM HONORING EMERITUS PROF. AMB. JUDITH MBULA BAHEMUKA**

Date: Thursday 29th April 2021 | Time: 3.00pm-5.30pm EAT

### CONCEPT NOTE

**Emeritus Prof. Amb. Judith Mbula Bahemuka**, a teacher, researcher, diplomat, governor and an eminent person of Africa symbolizes what Sustainable Development Goals calls for – being an all-round scholar, what some refer to in the 21st century as “pracademics” - with links that go beyond academic scholarship, embracing policy, governance and sustainable development. This is the emeritus whose academic and development work the University of Nairobi through the UNESCO UNITWIN, headed by Prof. Winnie Mitullah and the Institute for Development Studies (IDS) headed by Prof. Karuti Kanyinga plan to honour by convening a virtual forum on the **29th April, 2021** from **03:00 - 05:30 PM EAT**.

**M**any scholars work and retire with a room full of books and publications, which is an ultimate for scholarship. While this has its own score in academics, the struggle to translate knowledge into development has taught us that scholarship must impact on development and peoples' lives. Many academicians struggle to achieve this goal, while others argue that, translating knowledge into practice is not their role and calling. This debate remains inconclusive and must be pursued.

Emeritus Bahemuka is among the few scholars who have taken the route of translating knowledge into development practice: a practicing academic. Many of us have interacted with her in her different phases of life, making contributions locally, regionally and globally. This is what we plan to convene to share and wisely reward from our various perspectives, beginning from academic, diplomacy, governance, community development and capping it up with her eminence position in Africa.

Emeritus Prof. Amb. Judith Mbula Bahemuka



**M**any of us know Prof. Judith Mbula Bahemuka of the University of Nairobi (UoN) - her alma mater, that claim her more than all other entities that she has been associated with. It is this claim that drives the UoN, through the UNESCO UNITWIN Chair, (which Prof. Bahemuka nurtured from its establishment to its current status) in collaboration with the Institute for Development Studies (IDS) of the UoN to invite you to join us in reflecting and appreciating Bahemuka's contributions to scholarship and development practice.

Reflecting and appreciating Prof. Bahemuka require minimal efforts but deep reflection on scholarship and development practice. We therefore kindly urge you to join us on the material day and if possible relay at least a few words (written, recorded voice or video) that describe what Prof. Judith Mbula Bahemuka is to you in the context of scholarship and development practice. We will pack the words to constitute our virtual and spiritual gift to Prof. Bahemuka, as she continues to contribute in governance of higher education, development and, to share her wisdom with the African continent.

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