

Office of the ASARECA Board Chair

To: ALL ASARECA STAKEHOLDERS

From: Dr. Geoffrey Mkamilo
Chairperson, ASARECA Board of Directors

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Subject: CHANGES IN THE ASARECA SECRETARIAT

Dear Esteemed ASARECA Stakeholders,

I would like to inform you all about some transitional changes within the ASARECA Secretariat.

Professor Jean Jacques Mbonigaba Muhinda resigned as the Executive Director of ASARECA on 19th April 2021, after serving the Organization for 30 months. To ensure business continuity in the implementation of the organization's mandate and smooth transition:

1. The ASARECA Secretariat has initiated processes for the recruitment and selection of the new Executive Director as set out in the ASARECA Governance Manual (2019) and Section 13 of the ASARECA Operations Manual (2018). Potential recruitment firms have been identified. Selection of the firm to undertake this assignment is underway.
2. Subsequently, the ASARECA Executive Committee of the Board of Directors appointed Dr. Enock Warinda, the Deputy Executive Director to serve as the Interim Executive Director of ASARECA effective from 20th April 2021.
3. The ASARECA Executive Committee of the Board of Directors further set up the Recruitment Advisory Committee (RAC), comprising different members of the Board, to backstop the recruitment process. This Committee will work with the recruitment firm (as indicated in #1 above) to complete the recruitment and selection process.

I hereby appeal to all of you, our esteemed stakeholders to continue to support the Secretariat, and especially Dr. Warinda in providing effective leadership of the Association. Dr. Warinda has over 24 years of practical experience in AR4D in the sub-region, besides being in ASARECA for over 8 years. The ASARECA Board is convinced that Dr. Warinda has the capacity to steer the Organization during this transition period. Your support to him will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you