

Prof. Lucy Irungu – Vice-Chancellor



Prof. Lucy W Irungu graduated from the University of Nairobi with a BSc First class honors degree (Entomology). She holds an MSc in Entomology and Applied Parasitology and a Ph.D. in Entomology, both from the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, University of Liverpool having been awarded Commonwealth Fund for Technical Cooperation and Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) scholarships respectively. Prof Irungu joined the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) in August 1978 as a graduate research scholar during which time she pursued her MSc and PhD studies at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, University of Liverpool. During this time, she carried out research on vectors of Leishmaniasis and Filariasis.

Prof. Irungu joined the Dept of Zoology, the University of Nairobi as a lecturer in 1988. She served as Chairman of Department of Zoology from 1999 to 2004 and was appointed Principal for the College of Biological and Physical Sciences in 2004 a position she held until March 2011 when she was appointed the First Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research Production and Extension, following a competitive process. Prof Irungu assumed the post of first Vice-Chancellor of Machakos University on 20th February 2018.

In 2011, she was a member of the Higher Education Task Force and chaired the Science, Technology, and Innovation Committee which developed the Science Technology and Innovation Bill, later enacted as the STI Act 2013. She belongs to several professional organizations, has served as a member in several boards and is currently the Chairman of the Academic and Management Board KWSTI, Board member JRS Biodiversity Foundation (USA) and President of EARIMA (Eastern Africa Research and Innovation Management Association). Prof Irungu is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Tropical medicine and Hygiene and Fellow of the Kenya National Academy of Sciences and a member of the Kenya Institute of Management.

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Prof. Irungu is a vibrant researcher in vector biology and host-vector-parasite relationships with a specific interest in malaria vectors and parasites of neglected diseases. She has published extensively in refereed journals and has mentored and supervised several postgraduate research students. She continues engaged in research and supervision of postgraduate students to date, in addition to promoting innovation.