

Professor Emmanuel Chabata Profile

Emmanuel Chabata is the Executive Director for Quality Assurance and Professional Development (QA & PD), at the University of Zimbabwe (UZ). He is a Professor of Linguistics and holds a PhD in Linguistics from the University of Oslo, Norway. He obtained a Master of Arts, a Bachelor of Arts Special Honours and a Bachelor of Arts General degree, all from the UZ. He joined the UZ as a Teaching Assistant in 1997, became a permanent Research Fellow in 2000, a Senior Research Fellow in 2012, an Associate Research Professor in 2015 and a Full Professor in 2024. He became the Quality Assurance Specialist responsible for Academic Programmes in 2020 and the Executive Director in 2023.

His current area of research and work is Quality Assurance and Professional Development in Higher Education where he has made significant contributions institutionally, nationally and regionally. For example, in his capacity as the Quality Assurance Specialist for Academic Programmes, he spearheaded preparations for accreditation of the UZ's new academic programmes with the Zimbabwe Council for Higher Education (ZIMCHE) in 2020. He also led preparations leading to the re-accreditation of UZ by the ZIMCHE in 2023. He has facilitated at numerous quality assurance workshops institutionally and nationally. He has also participated in ZIMCHE's Academic and Institutional Audits at different universities in Zimbabwe, either as a peer reviewer or leader of the peer review team. He was in the Organising Team for the 2024 Southern African Quality Assurance Network Conference held in Zambia.