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To Whom It May Concern

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LETTER OF SUPPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

I am pleased to write this letter in strong support of Lasisi Salami Lawal for the position of Rector of the University of Porto.

I had the privilege of knowing and working with Dr. Lasisi Salami Lawal from Bauchi for over two decades, dating back to April 2002. That was during my tenure as Vice Chancellor at Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, and Dr Lasisi distinguished himself as a highly competent solar systems engineer, leading a team that effectively addressed the institution's acute electricity challenges.

At Usmanu Danfodiyo University Sokoto, where I served as Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Environmental Design, Dr. Lasisi as Associate Professor (Visiting) demonstrated remarkable diligence and technical expertise. His contributions were instrumental in enabling the Faculty to secure accreditation for its degree programmes from the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria.

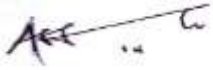
Over the years, I have remained consistently impressed by his professionalism, integrity, and unwavering commitment to excellence. He brings a thoughtful and analytical approach to problem-solving, combined with a rare ability to bridge practice-based experience with applied research. This has allowed him to make meaningful and far-reaching contributions to society, particularly in advancing key areas aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. His impact was further exemplified by his recognition in the 2023 Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) Global Impact in Society Award (Healthy Lives category), where he leveraged a multidisciplinary approach to deliver tangible societal benefits.

Beyond technical skills, Lasisi Salami Lawal is someone who works well with others and contributes positively to team dynamics. He is approachable, respectful, and always willing to go the extra mile to ensure collective success as Associate Professor (Visiting) with Usmanu Danfodiyo University in the Faculty of Engineering and Environmental Design (FEED) with substantial contributions to teaching, research and community services.

Holding a PhD in Engineering from the University of Sussex (UK), He also holds the position of Professor at Botho University (Botswana), a pioneer staff of Nigerian Communications Satellite Ltd and a recognized specialist in satellite communications. His influence extends to national and global regulatory frameworks and member of several regulatory bodies and professional engineering associations, effectively bridging the gap between academia and industry. He currently serves as Vice Chair of the Satellite Study Group of the International Telecommunication Union Radiocommunication Sector (ITU-R) from 2023 to 2027.

I am confident that Lasisi Salami Lawal will bring the same level of energy, leadership, professionalism, and value to University of Porto as he has demonstrated in previous roles. I strongly recommend him for this position without reservation.

Sincerely,



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