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Profile

Prof. Dr. Philip Wandahwa is the Chairman of the Department of Agriculture and Land Use Management (ALUM) in the School of Agriculture, Veterinary Sciences and Technology (SAVET) with effect from July 2018. He was born in 1961 in Kakamega County, attended Lunza Primary School and the Kakamega High School and proceeded to the University of Nairobi where he obtained BSc (agric) Upper Second Class Honors and MSc (Soil Science) in 1986 and 1988 respectively. He joined Egerton University as Assistant Lecturer in August 1988 to teach Soil Physics and was promoted to Lecturer in August 1989. He later got a Scholarship from the Belgian Administration for Development Cooperation (BADC) that enabled him to undertake Advanced Studies in Soil Science between 1991 and 1992 and Doctor of Science between 1992 and 1996 attaining the Greatest Distinction at the International Training Centre of Soil Scientists (ITC) at the Gent University, Belgium. He returned to Egerton in October 1996 and resumed teaching and supervision of postgraduate students. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1997 and in August 2008 left Egerton University and joined Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology (MMUST) as Associate Professor in the Department of Sugar Technology where he was appointed Chairman of Sugar Technology Department in Jan 2012 and acting Dean School of Agriculture, Veterinary Sciences and Technology in August 2014, a post he resigned from in September 2016 to focus on research, consultancy and student supervision. He has carried out research supported by grants won from a number of funding agencies including: VLIR-UOS of Belgium (October 2012 – September 2014); Commission for Higher Education (CHE, April 2006 – September 2009); Inter University Council for East Africa & Swedish International

Development Agency (May 2004 – April 2009); The Rockefeller Foundation (March 2001-June 2003) and the International Foundation for Science (IFS), Stockholm (March 2001-February 2003). He has supervised a number of postgraduate students and published research papers in peer reviewed journals. His lectures and research interest focus on: Soil genesis, morphology and classification; Soil Survey and Land Evaluation and General Soil Science dealing with soil fertility, Soil health, and application of GIS and decision support systems in land use management. He is married to Judith Achieng' Rota Wandahwa and has four children.