**Professor Lami Nnamonu *FICCON, FCSN***

A versatile chemist, Nigeria’s first Professor of Agrochemistry, Lami Nnamonu has a First-Class BSc degree in Chemistry Education; MSc in Organic Chemistry and did her PhD research in Durham University, UK on the Commonwealth Split-site Doctoral Scholarship leading to a PhD in Agrochemical Technology of the Federal University of Agriculture Makurdi – the first in sub-Saharan Africa. Her research in the field of agrochemistry is helping to actualize the core mandate of her university against the backdrop of current challenges of climate disadvantages and other factors generally affecting agricultural productivity. She was Head of the University Pre-Degree Department and the Acting Director of the Centre for Agrochemical Technology at the Federal University of Agriculture.

Professor Lami Nnamonu has proven to be an astute project manager being currently the maiden Centre Leader and Director of the Centre for Innovation in Procurement Environmental and Social Standards (CIPESS), a World Bank sponsored Sustainable Procurement Environmental and Social Standards Enhancement (SPESSE) Project domiciled in the Federal University of Agriculture Makurdi (now known as Joseph Sarwuan Tarka University Makurdi) Benue State. A World Bank trained Environmental Standards facilitator, she has the Project Management Professional training certificate from the Zabeel Project Management Institute Dubai, UAE. In 2024, she won two awards at the maiden on-site Project Control Summit held at the Galveston Island Resort Hotel & Suites, Galveston Texas USA, and organized by the Project Control Academy (<https://www.projectcontrolacademy.org>)

Her major strength being her intellectual capacity and integrity, Prof Nnamonu is a distinguished scholar and accomplished scientist. Her PhD thesis earned national distinction as “Best PhD Thesis in Physical Sciences During 2011”, an award by the NUC Nigerian Universities Doctoral Theses Award Scheme (NUDTAS). Lami is a two-time winner of the Schlumberger Foundation Faculty for the Future Post-Doctoral Fellowship Award during which she was Research Fellow at two Universities in England – Newcastle University and Durham University, United Kingdom.

An entrepreneurial scientist, Prof Nnamonu is a Faculty Advisor of JOSTUM team of enactus (*http:www.enactus.org*) since 2008 a position that has earned her first and sole Nigerian membership of the Global Faculty Research Network (GFRN). She is Faculty Advisor of the American Chemical Society International Students’ Chapter since 2015, and the National Project Coordinator of the RSquaredP (Recruitment, Retention & Progression) Workgroup, an initiative of the Schlumberger Foundation Fellows Alumnae, working to bridge the gender gap in STEM. Professor Lami is the National Secretary of the Network of Nigerian Women in STEM (NWISTEM).

A compassionate role model who is bothered about the abysmally low involvement of girls in Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), Nnamonu is founder of her pet project a non-profit network, Girls In Future Tertiary Science *GIFTS*. Through this organ, she is dedicated not only to mentoring more girls into tertiary and postgraduate science studies and careers but also keeping them there. She has been resource person on goal setting and academic achievement seminars to three universities in Benue state. A world leader trained in Haggai Institute Singapore, she is Benue State HI Alumni Association Secretary and an International endorser of the global Institute.

Lami has won many prizes and awards including Conference Poster Prize in Glasgow, Scotland; NUDTAS Award; Benue State Best Teacher of the Year; University of Jos Prize for Best Student in Faculty; Prof P. N. Lassa Prize for Best Final Year Student and Students’ National Merit Award throughout her undergraduate years.

An affiliate member of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC), Lami is a certified organizer of the annual IUPAC Global Women Breakfast and was an invited speaker at the IUPAC/Canadian CCE conference 2020 and other international meetings. A Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Chemists of Nigeria (ICCON) and the Chemical Society of Nigeria (CSN), Lami is an active member of many learned societies – Organization of Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD); American Chemical Society (ACS); Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC); Science Teachers’ Association of Nigeria (STAN); Teachers’ Registration Council of Nigeria (TRCN), and she is the North Central Zonal Coordinator of the Network for Biopesticides & Phytochemical Stakeholders (NEBIPS).

She’s married to Dr Emmanuel Nnamonu (MBBS) and they are blessed with five children.

A Professor since 2018, Lami Nnamonu is the first female Professor of Chemistry in Benue State. She enjoys dance aerobics, cycling and singing. Her only regret is that she hasn’t learnt swimming.