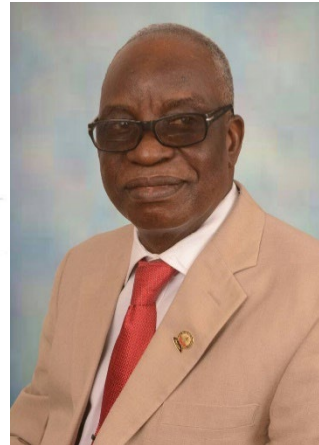


New AAG Regional Councillor for Northern Africa



Born on Sunday November 9, 1947 in Nigeria, Silas Sunday Dada commenced his education at the SIM Central Primary School in 1954 and proceeded to the SIM Titcombe College, Egbe in 1963 where he obtained his West African School Certificate (Grade 1) in 1967 and the Higher School Certificate (HSC) in 1969. He taught at the Playfair Memorial College, Oro-Ago in 1970 before proceeding to the University of Ibadan where he graduated in 1973 with a Second Class (Upper Division) in Geology. Silas Sunday DADA is Professor of Applied Geology and pioneer Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of Anchor University, Ayobo, Lagos, former President of the Nigerian Mining & Geosciences Society (NMGS, 2017 - 2019), former Provost of the College of Pure and Applied Sciences (January 2015-February 2017) at Kwara State University, Malete near Ilorin; pioneer Dean of College of Natural and Applied Sciences and former Deputy Vice Chancellor of Salem University, Lokoja (2009-2012). He was appointed to these positions with over 40 years of professional contributions including outstanding field and laboratory practice in mineral exploration, teaching, research, consultancy services and a strong background of high-level exposure and training in applied sciences, curriculum development and administration. While in the services of the Nigerian Mining Corporation, Jos, he obtained an M.Sc. in Applied Geology (Mineral Exploration option) in 1979 from the then University of Ife, Ile-Ife (Nigeria). He proceeded to France in 1984 where he obtained Diplome d'etude Approfondie (DEA) in Petrology-Geochemistry-Structural Geology and a PhD in Isotope Geochemistry and Geochronology from University of Science and Technology, Montpellier (France). Prior to 1984, he was involved in petroleum and later mineral exploration (clays, uranium, gold, lead/zinc, tin, tantalite etc.) covering practically all states of Nigeria. From his post-doctoral research at the University of Paris (1990-1991) to his return to Nigeria, Professor Dada successfully developed and taught several geology courses at all levels. He has initiated research projects and established collaborative research teams across several institutions, developed several researchers and students in NAGAMS (later NMGS) and NAPE as member of the NAPE-UAP Committee. His research output includes over 65 publications in learned journals and books besides several technical reports, conference papers, and seminar

presentations - including award winning research presentations on the Precambrian evolution of the Nigerian continental crust. Professor Dada has travelled widely, visiting TOTAL operations and top universities offering high-level research in the geosciences in France with a focus on recent developments, roles and possible collaborations with African universities. He is currently in collaboration with the University of Science and Technology (USTL) Montpellier (France), looking into the commencement of Plate Tectonic Model through the use of primitive early (Archaean) rocks, including those from Nigeria by the application of the U-Pb and Lu-Hf radiogenic isotopes. He is Fellow of several geoscience associations and societies, including the Association of Applied Geochemists.