

- ISDRS election of Board Members

Expression of Interest (EOI)

EOI for ISDRS Executive Board

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Provide a short profile outlining your professional and organizational activities /experience. (Max 200 Words)

I am a sustainability expert with research experience in the areas of Agricultural Economics, Food Systems, Climate Change, and Circular Economy. I am a Senior Lecturer in Sustainability Studies at the Department of Sustainability Studies, Faculty of Multidisciplinary Studies, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria.

I am the Coordinator of the Sustainable Development Practice Programme at the University of Ibadan, Nigeria. I am also the Convener of the annual Circularity Africa Conference. I am the Pioneer President of the Africa Circular Economy Research and Policy Network, and Founder of the Interconnections for Making Africa Great Empowered and Sustainable (IMAGES) Initiative.

I have policy engagement experience with the Economic Communities of West Africa States (ECOWAS), Governments in Africa, as well as the African Union Commission (AUC). I am one of the experts in the Biennial Review of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP). The CAADP Policy Framework is the agriculture sector of the implementation of the aspiration of the Africa Agenda 2063. The CAADP Policy Framework seeks a shared economic growth and prosperity through agriculture sector.

Outline your motivation for joining the ISDRS Board and expectations with respect to your participation on the ISDRS Board (Max 200 words)

I have been a member of the ISDRS Board in 2015. I have also served as the Director of Communication. I have been the Secretary since 2021. I am hereby seeking for re-election as Secretary.

Through my various Board positions, I have served, and still serving the ISDRS.

During my tenure as Director of Communication, I ensured that the ISDRS Newsletter was published quarterly, and consistently. The ISDRS was also very active on social media. We also published regular updates and news feeds via our website.

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media. We also published regular updates and news feeds via our website.

I am the Pioneer and Chair of the ISDRS Conference Track on Sustainability and Africa. This track has been running consistently since 2016. I have also encouraged more members to joined ISDRS through individual and institutional memberships. I have mentored other colleagues in Africa as conference participants and track co-chairs.

As a team player, I also collaborate with other members of the Board, including serving as a member of Jury of the ISDRS Best Sustainable Development Paper Award.

As the Secretary, my responsibilities are to oversee the governance and administrative procedures of the Society. I represent the Treasurer on occasions as required, and support the President and Vice President in the day-to-day operations of the Society. In particular, I assist in discussions with potential and confirmed Partners and other third-party organisations.

When I joined the ISDRS, my goal was to ensure more diversified and multicultural society. As the Secretary, I am the Chair of the election committee. This platform gives me the opportunity to bring up a true global society by ensuring competence, diversity of gender and geography in the elections to the Board, and the Executive. I am pleased to say that the ISDRS Board currently has a broad-based, diversified, and global membership. Many thanks to the support of the other members of the executive and the Board.

My re-election as the Secretary will give me another opportunity to continue to serve, and uphold the ideals of our cherished and foremost Society.

Thank you.

Olawale Olayide

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