



Professor Nana Poku

Professor Nana Poku is Vice-Chancellor and Principal of the University of KwaZulu-Natal since July 2019. He had been serving as the University's acting Vice-Chancellor and principal since October 2018. He was elected by Council to serve in his position for a five-year term.

Professor Poku holds a PhD in International Political Economy and has a distinguished career in research and policy on the political economy of health and HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa as well as institutional management. He joined the University in 2013 as Health Economics and AIDS Research Institute (HEARD) executive director. In 2017, he took up the reins as Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the College of Law and Management Studies.

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