



NEXT EINSTEIN FORUM AWARDS UNZA DON - DR. KATENDI CHANGULA



UNZA Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Enala Tembo-Mwase (2nd right, seated) takes a group photo with Dr. Katendi Changula (right, seated) and other awardees during the Africa Science Week held in Zambia in September 2018.

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On 14th September 2018, Dr Katendi Changula, who is an academic member of staff in the School of Veterinary Medicine, received an award in recognition of her outstanding contribution to laboratory diagnosis for her work on a rapid Ebola virus detection test kit. This award was from the Next Einstein Forum during their Africa Science Week (ASW) held in Zambia from 10th to 14th September 2018. The Guest of Honour at the event was the University of Zambia Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Enala Tembo-Mwase.

Next Einstein Forum (NEF; www.nef.org) is an initiative of the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences in partnership with Robert Bosch Stiftung. It is a Pan-African body whose mission is to foster a strong African scientific community to ensure sustainable human development in Africa

and the rest of the world. NEF believes that the 'next Einstein' can and should be African, and even so, a female. Therefore, NEF organizes regular events to create interest in science and to highlight and celebrate the local scientific achievements.

NEF is hosting the second edition of the ASW to build on the success of the NEF Africa Science Week that took place in 13 countries in June 2017. This is Africa's annual five-day celebration of science, technology and innovation, expressed through various activities that speak to various audiences of all age groups - from students to scientists to government institutions and the private sector - with coordinated activities in 34 African countries.

Zambia is among the countries hosting the science week for the first time.