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## **Dr. Sekazi Mtingwa Receives Distinguished Service Award from the American Nuclear Society**

*Distinguished Service Award given at November 9, 2015 ANS Winter Meeting*

**La Grange Park, IL.** – The American Nuclear Society (ANS) honored Dr. Sekazi Mtingwa with the Distinguished Service Award on November 9, 2015 at the ANS Winter Meeting in Washington, D.C. The award recognizes members who have made outstanding contributions to the development and understanding of the goals and policies of the Society or who have made outstanding non-technical contributions to the nuclear science and engineering field.

Through his dedicated leadership, Dr. Mtingwa initiated and led a study for the American Physical Society's Panel on Public Affairs (APS POPA) on Nuclear Workforce Readiness. This landmark study detailed the workforce and infrastructure needs that will be required to continue the development of nuclear power as a viable energy source in the U.S. The POPA report was an important influence leading up to Department of Energy's (DOE) decision to make significant new investments. Since 2009, DOE has allocated 20% of its nuclear fuel cycle R&D budget to university programs, resulting in \$343 million going to 97 universities in 38 states, thereby rejuvenating university nuclear science and engineering programs.

Dr. Mtingwa's commitment to nuclear science and engineering is further evidenced by his decades of dedicated teaching, publications, research, and cooperative involvement in the nuclear community.

A high energy accelerator physicist, Mtingwa earned bachelor degrees in physics and mathematics from MIT in 1971 and a Ph.D. in theoretical physics from Princeton University in 1976. He retired as Senior Lecturer from MIT in 2012 and is currently Principal Partner in the consulting company, Triangle Science, Education & Economic Development, LLC in Hillsborough, NC.

The ANS Distinguished Service Award is presented each year to one or more individuals who have demonstrated outstanding effort toward the development and understanding of the goals of the Society and/or outstanding non-technical contributions to the field of nuclear science and engineering.

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*Established in 1954, ANS is a professional organization of engineers and scientists devoted to the peaceful applications of nuclear science and technology. Its more than 11,000 members come from diverse technical backgrounds covering the full range of engineering disciplines as well as the physical and biological sciences within the nuclear field. They are advancing the application of nuclear technologies to improve the lives of the world community through national and international enterprise within government, academia, research laboratories and private industry.*



Dr. Mtingwa (left) receives the ANS Distinguished Service Award from ANS President Eugene Grecheck (right) at the ANS Winter Meeting on November 9, 2015.