

# PROFESSOR 'FUNMI OLONISAKIN



Professor 'Funmi Olonisakin is an incredibly accomplished woman. Currently, she is Vice-President; Vice-Principal International and Professor of Security, Leadership and Development at King's College London:

As stated by King's College: "She is also a founding member of the African Leadership Centre, which aims to build the next generation of African scholars generating cutting edge knowledge for security and development in Africa; and was Director of the Conflict, Security and Development Group (CSDG) at King's (2003 to 2013). Prior to this, she worked in the Office of the United Nations Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Children and Armed Conflict."

Leadership, youth and security within developing societies are key aspects of her work which focuses on peace through the lens of the next generation. It is through her ongoing research into these areas that she was able to help facilitate the establishment of the National Commission for War-Affected Children in Sierra Leone and the Child Protection Unit in the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

Scholar

Security

excellence

Leadership

peace

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"A 2019 report by Advance HE on equality in higher education found that fewer than 1% of professors in the UK are Black, despite increases in overall levels of Black academic staff. I met Professor Olonisakin at an event that I attended for BAME leadership in HE, where she was a guest speaker. I was pleased to have the opportunity to meet an accomplished Black, female academic at the highest level of scholarship. Her presence and excellence inspire me."