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WAUTI ELECTS DR. TEJU SOMORIN AS ITS FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT



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The West African Union of Tax Institutes (WAUTI) has elected its first female president since the formation of the association in 2011. WAUTI is an association of national tax professionals within the ECOWAS sub-region.

Dr. (Mrs.) Olateju Somorin (whose *nom de guerre* is TejuTax) occupies the double position of the 4th WAUTI President as well as the current president of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN). Dr. Somorin, who will be in the saddle till February 2017, is a retired Ag. Co-ordinating Director of the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), where she had a distinguished public career for 34 years. Dr. Somorin is an amazon in tax matters. She is the author of TejuTax Reference Book on the Nigeria Tax System and a tax columnist with BusinessDay newspaper.

Teju is a recipient of Doctor of Letters (D. Litt.) degree in Nigeria Tax System (2002) from St. Clements University, Turks & Caicos Islands, British West Indies. This she obtained on presentation of dissertation on

Operation of VAT in Nigeria. She also holds an honorary Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in taxation.

She has attended many international and local tax conferences as a speaker. While in FIRS, she was the secretary of the Study Group on Nigeria Tax System in 1991. She has promised to foster the vision of WAUTI through the harmonisation of taxation practice in West Africa and its mission to promote the highest professional standards of competence and integrity among practitioners in member states.

Dr. Somorin, a life patron of the Society of Women in Taxation (SWIT), will drive WAUTI to greater heights in collaboration with WAUTI partners such as ECOWAS, FIRS, Lagos State Internal Revenue Service (LIRS), Ghana Revenue Authority, and the revenue authorities of the Francophone countries, among others.