Professor N’Dri Assié-Lumumba, a member of the Scientific Committee of CODESRIA, was recently elected Vice President of the Comparative and International Education Society (CIES) for 2013 – 14 and will assume the society’s presidency in 2015 – 16.

Assié-Lumumba is a Professor of African and Diaspora Education at the Africana Studies and Research Center, Cornell University, Ithaca, United States. Her research areas cover comparative and international education, social institutions, African social history and the study of gender. She came to Cornell in 1991 as a Fulbright Senior Research Fellow and Ford Foundation/Africana Studies Fellow.

The new Vice President says she is particularly humbled by the fact that she is the first Cornell faculty and African scholar to be elected to the highly exalted leadership position of CIES.

N’Dri Assié-Lumumba is an author and editor of several books, including *Cyberspace, Distance Learning, and Higher Education in Developing Countries: Old and Emergent Issues of Access, Pedagogy and Knowledge Production*, *Higher Education in Africa: Crises, Reforms and Transformation* and *Women and Higher Education in Africa: Reconceptualizing Gender-Based Human Capabilities and Upgrading Human Rights to Knowledge*.

Founded in 1956, CIES is the premier professional organization for scholars in the field of comparative and international education. It fosters cross-cultural understanding, scholarship, academic achievement and societal development through the international study of educational ideas, systems and practices. Its membership includes nearly 2,500 academics, practitioners and students from around the world, and about 1,000 institutional members, primarily academic libraries and international organizations.

The election results were presented March 15 to the CIES membership at the society’s 2013 annual conference in New Orleans.

CODESRIA congratulates Professor N’Dri Assié-Lumumba on this election which we look forward to as yet a springboard to more honours and recognition.

**Note**

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