

New Marondera University Council Commissioned

The Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education, Innovation, Science and Technology Development, Hon. Ambassador Dr. Frederick Shava, officially commissioned the new Marondera University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology Council at a ceremony held at the Management Training Bureau in Msasa on Wednesday, October 29, 2025. The Great Zimbabwe University Council was also commissioned at the same event.

In his keynote address, Dr. Shava outlined the Council's key responsibilities, emphasizing the importance of sound governance, prudent financial management, and alignment with national development priorities. "Council members must safeguard the University's financial health, ensure compliance with statutory obligations, and provide effective oversight to promote institutional sustainability," he said.

The Minister urged the Council to support the government's vision of transforming universities into drivers of innovation and industrialization, as outlined in Education 5.0. This initiative extends the traditional university mandate to include innovation and industrialization, aligning with His Excellency, Dr. Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa's national development agenda. Also speaking at the event, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry, Professor Fanuel Tagwira, reaffirmed the government's commitment to supporting higher education transformation. He added that universities' roles had evolved with added innovation and industrialization mandates, and urged the council to lead this transformation.

The newly commissioned Council is expected to provide strategic leadership and effective oversight in advancing the Marondera University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology's mandate. The Council comprises the following members: Ms Tsitsi Enyonam Dzvukamanja, Ms Hilda Tsitsi Kabangure, Mr Nyasha Phillip Mafukidze, Eng. Lovemore Magombo, Ms Marjorie Munyonga, Ms Rufaro Chipiwa Matowanyika Nemaunga, Ms Samantha Pherloon Nhende, Eng Pedzisai Tapfumaneyi and Prof Pangirayi Bernard Tongoona.