MUAST SIGNS MOU WITH THE SAM MOYO AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF AGRARIAN STUDIES



Marondera University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (MUAST) hosted representatives from the Sam Moyo African Institute of Agrarian Studies (SMAIAS) for the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The delegation was led by SMAIAS Executive Director, Dr W. Chambati.

In his welcome remarks, Vice Chancellor Professor Justice Nyamangara thanked Dr Chambati and his team, describing the MoU as both timely and strategic. He noted that MUAST already offers a Master's programme in Agrarian Studies through the Faculty of Development and Behavioural Sciences and stressed the need to actively implement the agreement, given the relevance of agrarian studies in Zimbabwe.





Dr Chambati outlined SMAIAS's mission, which focuses on promoting equitable land distribution, supporting inclusive policy-making, and strengthening agrarian networks. He said the Institute is actively involved in research and publications, and highlighted its flagship International Summer School, which brings together scholars, activists, and policy-makers from across the Global South. Dr Chambati also donated books to the MUAST Library to support teaching and research.

In her vote of thanks, the Pro Vice Chancellor Professor Nomalanga Mpofu-Hamadziripi, thanked both institutions for their leadership and commitment. She highlighted the shared expectations in the MoU and welcomed the book donation, noting its value to students. She also reaffirmed MUAST's interest in participating in the International Summer School and its commitment to turning the MoU into meaningful collaboration.