

ZIMCHE CEO VISITS MUAST



ZIMCHE CEO Professor Kuzvinetsa Peter Dzvimbo
 PROFESSOR Kuzvinetsa Peter Dzvimbo, the Chief Executive Officer of Zimbabwe Council for Higher Education (ZIMCHE) paid a visit at the Marondera University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (MUAST) on Friday the 23rd of August 2019.

Professor Dzvimbo toured the Dozmery campus before visiting the CSC campus. He was welcomed by Professor Justice Nyamangara, the MUAST Vice Chancellor and his management team at the Dozmery campus. The ZIMCHE Chief Executive Officer also took an opportunity of his visit to meet the MUAST academic staff and made a presentation to Senate and academic staff on the functions of ZIMCHE and its expectations from the academics.

In his presentation at the CSC campus, Prof Dzvimbo encouraged academics to raise standards of teaching, examinations, academic qualifications and research and implement education 5.0. He expressed satisfaction with most of the lecturers' academic qualifications and highlighted that their qualifications should also be reflected in their delivery. The ZIMCHE principal also encouraged the University to inculcate and entrepreneurial aptitude to augment the dwindling government

support base.

In the wake of globalisation, Prof Dzvimbo insisted on the introduction of foreign languages like French and Portuguese in order to produce graduates that can work in any part of the world. In his closing remarks, the ZIMCHE Chief Executive Officer lamented that most institutions were no longer focusing on their mandate. In order for the Institution to fulfil its mandate, he advised the University to introduce degrees that are in line with its mandate and produce unique and innovative graduates.



Prof Dzvimbo doing his presentation

MUAST HOSTS JOMO KENYATTA UNIVERSITY ACADEMICS

DR JOHN KINYURU and Mr Forkwa Fombong from the Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology met Marondera University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (MUAST) academics on Tuesday the 20th of August at the MUAST CSC campus.

The duo presented their research on Edible Insects as Food and as Feed. In his presentation, Doctor Kinyuru talked about alleviating malnutrition by improving utilization of traditional foods. He talked about the rearing of crickets and their health benefits. He also highlighted on how insects can give proteins in children as evidenced by researches they did in Kenya and Cambodia.

Forkwo Fombong, a PhD student at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (Kenya) and Ku Leuven (Belgium) presented on the rearing of grasshoppers, their health benefits and also the

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availability of market in East Africa and other parts of the African region.

Doctor Kinyuru also highlighted areas of partnerships and collaboration between MUAST and Jomo Kenyatta University. He mentioned that Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology had production systems for the optimization of nutrients and beneficial chemicals, post-harvest management processing technologies to support the production and harvesting of safe insects.

MUAST academics expressed optimism on collaborative research between the two agricultural institutions.



Mr Forkwo Fombong presenting at MUAST

MUAST ATTENDS THE 7TH ANNUAL NATIONAL AGRI-BUSINESS CONFERENCE

MARONDERA University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (MUAST) attended the 7th Annual National Agri-Business Conference (ANAC) which was held at the Andy Miller Conference Centre, Harare Exhibition Park on the 21st of August 2019.

The ANAC was hosted by the National Economic Consultative Forum (NEFC) and the Zimbabwe Agricultural Society (ZAS). The half day conference comprised of presentations and high-level discussions on challenges, recommendations and sustainable solutions to the challenges affecting the agriculture sector in Zimbabwe.

The Minister of Lands, Agriculture, Climate &

Rural Resettlement, Honourable Air Marshall (Rtd) Perence Shiri was the Guest of Honour. Notable presenters for the conference included Professor Mthuli Ncube, the Minister of Finance and Economic development and Professor Mandivamba Rukuni, the Executive Director of Bare Foot Africa.

The conference focused on the entire Value Chain of the Agricultural Sector, ran under the theme "Technology, Innovation and Modernization: Adopt. Accentuate. Accelerate." In light of the theme, discussions tackled ways of how to mainstream technology, innovation and modernization in every aspect of the agricultural value chain, from field to industry, thereby supporting the growth of the sector at the desirable rate of 10% annually in pursuit of Vision 2030.

The ANAC was attended by government, agro-input, agro-merchants and traders, financial service providers, agricultural marketing institutions, academia, civil society and cooperating partners. MUAST was represented by Mr C. Muchenje, Director of Marketing, Public and International Relations for MUAST.

PROFESSOR NYAMANGARA MEETS ACADEMICS

PROFESSOR Justice Nyamangara held a meeting with Marondera University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology academic staff members on Friday the 23rd of August 2019. The purpose of the meeting was to prepare for the August 2019 semester and bring the University academic expectations into perspective.

In his welcome remarks, the Vice Chancellor thanked the academic staff for their commitment to the University. He also took the opportunity to assure them of the much needed support as they discharge their duties throughout the semester. Professor Nyamangara highlighted the importance of all academic staff as they make the larger fraction of the University.

The MUAST Vice Chancellor also went through a report from the Ministry of Higher and Tertiary Education and Technology development that was calling on all academics to be dedicated to duty and serve the nation towards industrialisation and modernisation.

Professor Nyamangara highlighted the importance of information and expressed the need for academics to share information after attending workshops and meeting to enrich others.

Prof Nyamangara concluded the meeting emphasising the need for all academic staff to have confidence whenever they represent the institution or when they are leading a workshop. He also added that academic staff should also help in marketing the institution in Mashonaland East Province as well as nationwide.



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PROF NYAMANGARA WELCOMES FRESH-MEN



Level 1.1 students listen attentively on their orientation

VICE Chancellor, Professor Justice Nyamangara welcomed first year students to the Marondera University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (MUAST) on Thursday the 22nd of August 2019 during the orientation day held at the CSC campus.

The Vice Chancellor welcomed students accompanied by both teaching and non-teaching staff. In his speech, the Vice Chancellor emphasised the need for students to stay positive whilst being at MUAST and uphold the MUAST values as they embark on their respective career journeys.

He added that tertiary education was different from High School learning with tertiary education

demanding self-control and a high level of discipline. He highlighted that students were expected to work hard and be good ambassadors of the University.

Prof Nyamangara insisted that students must create good relations with everyone since MUASt is still a small family. He encouraged first year students to repel from any form of peer pressure as they begin their tertiary education journey.

The Registrar, Mrs Grace Gwatidzo also encouraged new students to always stay in the right track and grasp the MUASt culture to have a fruitful academic journey at the institution. She also took them through the institution's leadership.

The Acting Dean of Students, Dr Ketive Zenda welcomed the students on at the same event. She took the students through the welfare systems for their convenience at MUASt

CLEAN UP RE-CAP AS MUASt STAFF PREPARES FOR THE NEXT CAMPAIGN

