



Welcome Doctor Praxedis Dube

The Marondera University of Agricultural Science and Technology is pleased to welcome Dr Praxedis Dube to the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Technology. Doctor Dube joined the Marondera University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology on the 1st of June 2020.

Growing up in a typical rural background of Mberengwa, Doctor Praxedis Dube's profile chronicles a life of a committed academic who rose to greater heights from humble beginnings. Her academic career began in 2006 when she graduated with a Bachelor of Agriculture specialising in Horticulture from the Women's University in Africa. In search of academic excellence in Horticulture, she enrolled for her Masters in Plant Sciences specialising in Greenhouse Horticulture with the Wageningen University in the Netherlands. She graduated with a Masters in 2010. She then went on to obtain a Doctorate from the same institution in 2018. Her PhD specialised on traditional vegetables, agronomic and markets studies.

Before joining Marondera University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Dr Dube worked in the Department of Research and Specialist Services (DRSS) in the Ministry of Agriculture from 1987 until joining the Marondera University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology. In 1987, she joined the DRSS as a Seed Analyst until 2014 before breaking for her studies in Netherlands. After finishing her Doctoral studies in 2018, she joined the DRSS's Crop Research section as a Principal Researcher in the Director's Office in 2019. Doctor Praxedis Dube was also a part time lecturer at Zimbabwe Open



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University for a year where she was a lecturer in the Agriculture department teaching Entomology and Agriculture and Food Marketing at Harare campus. Dr Dube is an avid researcher with several article publications in journals, numerous academic presentations and newspaper articles. Her research interests are in traditional leafy vegetables production and marketing, horticulture, legislation, food safety standards for horticulture crops and organic farming.

Her passion in vegetables was triggered by her mother and her background as she rightly acknowledges her mother's influence on her interest on indigenous vegetables. Doctor Praxedis believes that through learning about horticulture, students will appreciate the indigenous vegetables and their health benefits to the Zimbabwean population.

As the Marondera University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, we are confident that her experience and contribution in horticulture will greatly assist in promoting research as the University endeavours to a super brand in agriculture research and education.