



## UNIVERSITY OF VENDA STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION VISIT TO MUAST



On 16 July 2025, Marondera University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (MUAST) had the honour of hosting a high level delegation from the University of Venda (UNIVEN), South Africa. The visit marked a significant step towards strengthening academic and strategic partnerships between the two institutions.

The University of Venda, established in 1982, is one of South Africa's comprehensive universities. It is renowned for its advanced research infrastructure and laboratories, and for producing graduates who are both relevant and globally competitive.

The UNIVEN delegation was led by the Vice-Chancellor and Principal, Professor Bernard Nthambeleni.



MUAST shared its key milestones in implementing Education 5.0 with the University of Venda (UNIVEN), as part of UNIVEN's efforts to explore potential collaboration opportunities. Having already advanced along the path UNIVEN aspires to follow, MUAST highlighted its notable achievements in innovation, research, industrialisation, and community engagement.



During the visit, the UNIVEN delegation toured MUAST's Agro-Industrial Park, where they observed advanced irrigation systems, modern livestock management practices, and innovative cropping techniques. The delegation also explored MUAST's flagship programme focused on African Indigenous Vegetables, which exemplifies the institution's commitment to sustainable agriculture and local knowledge systems.



The visit concluded with a significant step forward: the Vice-Chancellors of both institutions signed an Intent for Collaboration document, marking the beginning of a promising partnership.