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Higher and Tertiary Education, Innovation, Science and Technology Development, Minister Dr Frederick Shava addresses LSU staff during the tour.

Minister Shava tours LSU Bingwa Wildlife, Ecotourism, Innovation and Industrial Park

By Arbiter Munsaka

Lupane State University successfully hosted the Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education, Innovation, Science and Technology Development as he toured the Bingwa Wildlife and Ecotourism Innovation and Industrialisation Park, in preparation for its commissioning.

During his opening remarks of the event, the University Vice Chancellor Professor Pardon Kuipa said the Bingwa project had reached 95% comple-

tion and was expected to be fully completed at the end of the month of May.

Speaking at the event, the Higher and Tertiary Education, Innovation, Science and Technology Development, Minister Dr Frederick Shava commended the university leadership and the project team for their dedication, resilience, and strategic foresight in driving the initiative forward despite logistical and environmental challenges.

He described the development as a model of practical problem-solving and innovation under pressure.

Minister Dr Shava proposed the enhancement of the existing water source within the Bingwa site noting that the university should introduce an additional water weir to improve retention capacity while maintaining continuous downstream flow.

This initiative is expected to ensure sustainable water availability, attracting elephants and other wildlife species to the area.

Minister Dr Shava encouraged the university to formalise and modernise designated trading spaces to enable local entrepreneurs to sell crafts, tourism-related products, and other goods in a structured and respectable environment under the University's oversight, noting that by incorporating local communities into the broader vision of Bingwa, LSU strengthens its commitment to inclusive development.

The project is expected to stimulate small enterprises, create employment opportunities, and enhance the socio-economic well-being of surrounding communities.

As the anticipated completion date of 31 May 2026 approaches, emphasis was placed on ensuring full operational readiness.

The commissioning should signify not merely a ceremonial event, but the launch of a fully functional facility contributing meaningfully to the University's third-stream income goals.

Minister Shava expressed willingness to support the next phase of development, particularly with regard to equipment, furniture, and fittings.

However, this support will be guided by a detailed prioritisation plan and a compelling business case demonstrating sustainability and clear pathways for revenue generation.

The funding approach will focus on direct support rather than equity participation, reinforcing the importance of financial prudence and accountability.

The Bingwa Tour reaffirmed Lupane State University's commitment to innovation, sustainability, and economic transformation. While the physical structures are nearing completion, the true success of the project will lie in its operational excellence, community integration, and ability to generate sustainable income streams.

As the University prepares for commissioning, the focus remains on transforming Bingwa into a centre of excellence in conservation, tourism, agro-industrial development, and innovation – contributing meaningfully to national development and the prosperity of the Matabeleland North region and beyond.



Proceedings during the tour.



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The digester operates in a controlled anaerobic environment, allowing waste to decompose while producing a gas mixture that includes about 70 % methane, along with water vapor and hydrogen sulphide.



Proceedings during the launch of the digester.

Major boost for LSU's Energy Generation

... as REA sponsors its 50-Cubic-Meter Biogas Digester

By Benjamin N Nkomo and Preevish Zhou.

Lupane State University (LSU) has recently launched a 50-cubic-meter biogas digester, funded by the Rural Electrification Agency (REA), turning campus waste into a reliable source of cooking energy for the student dining hall.

The digester operates in a controlled anaerobic environment, allowing waste to decompose while producing a gas mixture that includes about 70 % methane, along with water vapor and hydrogen sulphide.

"It goes in and we use that waste for the process of making it biogastical," explained the engineer Dr. Bright Chisadza, describing how organic waste is fed into the system.

He explained further saying: "We're simply promoting an environment where bacteria thrive, and it's that bacteria that's responsible for the generation of the key component in biogas – methane, CH₄, which is flammable and usable for heating and cooking."

"Biogas in technical terms is that flammable gas, CH₄, but it doesn't come in its pure form; it's mixed with other gases. Still, it's very good for things like heating and, in many cases, for cooking, even if it's not yet efficient for lighting," Dr. Chisadza added.

The construction of the digester cost roughly US \$35,000 to \$40,000, with REA contributing for materials and labor.

The system features a feeding point that can be linked directly to the waste line, as well as a manual feed option to prevent clogging.

"We can always mix with water so it flows, and we have a plug to redirect flow if maintenance is needed," the engineer noted.

He added that the design includes a "T-flex" unit that allows operators to switch between feeding points, providing flexibility during cleaning or repairs.

The gas storage chamber sits atop the digester, designed to be airtight to retain pressure.

Dr. Chisadza further explained how the

digester works saying, "the top part acts as a gas cylinder, and we can also attach an external cylinder if needed."

"When gas builds up, it creates its own pressure, pushing liquid into an expansion chamber, which then helps push gas to the point of use."

He compared the process to a rumen in a cow, saying, "It is like a rumen of the cow, we have transferred that natural digestion into a built environment for bacteria to thrive."

He explained that, just as a cow's stomach ferments feed, the digester's "tummy" breaks down organic matter, producing methane that rises to the storage dome.

Professor Thulani Dube, the LSU's Pro-Vice Chancellor, expressed enthusiasm for the project's sustainability impact.

"We are very happy about this biogas project and the partnership we've had with REA," he said.

"It is one of the sustainability efforts we are engaging in, including the use of solar, and it means we can now utilise renewable energy for cooking at the dining hall without additional cost beyond the initial investment," he said.

He added that the digester's capacity should cover three meals a day for the entire student population, reducing reliance on electricity and generators.

"This project costs between \$35,000 and \$40,000, but from now on we can supply all of our students with energy from this renewable source, which is a huge financial relief," he noted.

He also highlighted that, because the system produces roughly 10-15 cubic meters of methane daily, it can easily meet the kitchen's demand, which is estimated at about 8 cubic meters per day for three meals.

Meanwhile, LSU plans to train staff on basic maintenance and operation, ensuring the system runs smoothly.

LSU will select individuals to be responsible for day-to-day care, and provide training on basic use and upkeep. They will also provide training which will cover how to



The biogas digester



LSU staff observing the gas powered stove.

Professor Thulani Dube, LSU's Pro-Vice Chancellor illuminating the gas stove.

feed the digester, monitor gas pressure, and perform simple dislodging of settled solids.

The university also intends to create a small user manual and schedule regular checks to prevent leaks and ensure optimal gas quality.

With the digester now operational, the campus looks forward to a cleaner, more cost-effective energy future, and hopes to expand the technology to other facilities in the future.



Messiah Immaculate Moyo (left) during the training.



Dishes prepared by Messiah Immaculate Moyo.



Messiah Immaculate Moyo (left) during the training.

Alumni member flies LSU flag high

By Thembelani Moyo

A former Lupane State University student has proved beyond any doubt that the institution is not just dishing out half-backed graduates, but those with requisite skills which are relevant and useful for various industries.

Messiah Immaculate Moyo, who graduated with a Degree in Tourism and Hospitality in 2025, recently hailed LSU for grooming her to become a top chef who is recognised at national level.

In this February, she had the privilege to be part of a programme for further training in Harare, necessitated by her excellent performance in the National Good Seed and Food Chef's Cooking Competition held last year in September where she became the 1st Runner-Up.

"The main aim of the training was to teach us how to create nutritional dishes by using indigenous every day products.

"It also included learning how to incorporate Zimbabwe's amazing traditional ingredients into con-

temporary dishes by preparing some Indian-European cuisine from sweet potato, sweet potato flat bread accompanied by cow peas curry and cowpeas burger.

"Additionally, we learnt how farmers process these traditional ingredients into finished products and put them in the markets," she said.

During the training Immaculate visited a farmer who is making sweet potato chips, where she was taken through all the stages from nursery, planting the sweet potato, harvesting, post harvesting, value chain, packaging, up to putting the product in the market.

"The experience broadened my understanding of sustainable food systems and innovation within the culinary industry, especially in relation to indigenous ingredients and traditional knowledge.

"I got to rub shoulders and learn from industry professionals and connect with inspiring individuals who are re-imagining our food systems," she said.

Immaculate has applauded LSU for giving her the opportunity to

study tourism and be in a position to stand as a top chef.

"None of these achievements would have been possible without the unwavering support from all my tourism lecturers with special mention of Dr. K Ngwenya, Ms. T Gango, Mrs S Ndiweni, Mr A Chauke, P Mugwagwa and Dr. S Simango.

"Their guidance, mentorship, and encouragement played a vital role in my growth and success showing they taught me well. I am truly grateful for the motivation and belief they had in me, even during challenging moments when I would be doubting myself.

"Beyond competitions, I had the privilege of working closely with Mr. Makhosi Mahlangu, a Food Science Lecturer at LSU and Director of African Food Revolution – an organisation dedicated to promoting indigenous food systems.

"Through this mentorship, I gained deeper insight into the importance of preserving traditional food knowledge while embracing innovation.

"This experience strengthened

my passion for indigenous cuisine and inspired me to present at The Food Indaba 2024 at the Bulawayo Museum seeing that food is not only considered as nourishment but as part of culture, identity, and heritage," she said

Immaculate also had a chance to share her personal experiences, academic experience, the projects she has done before as well as some of the accolades she has received.

"Throughout my studies, I actively participated in numerous competitions, proudly representing LSU on various prestigious platforms.

"These included the ZITF Exhibition (2022), Amai's Traditional Cook Out Competition 2025 (National Level), the ZTA Sanganai Tourism Scholastic Competitions 2025 (National Level), and the 2025 National Good Seed and Food Festival Chef's Competition.

"Each of these platforms gave me the opportunity to showcase my skills, creativity, and passion for hospitality and indigenous cuisine," she said.

"In addition to being the Runner-Up at the Good Seed and Food Chef's Competition, I also received recognition for Outstanding Representation LSU at national tourism and culinary platforms, as well as a Certificate of Excellence in Indigenous Culinary Innovation.

"These accolades were not only personal milestones but also moments of pride for my university, as they contributed to the institution's recognition and reputation.

"At the time I was participating in these competitions, I did not fully realise how much those experiences would shape me.

"However, they gave me the opportunity to showcase my abilities, build confidence, and refine my practical skills.

"Through hard work and determination, I was able to secure several accolades that marked important milestones in my journey. Each competition strengthened my commitment to excellence and my desire to grow within the hospitality and tourism industry," she added.

Give to Gain: Empowering the LSU Woman for a Resilient Future

By Ms Saneliswe Sibanda

As the Lupane State University (LSU) community joins the world in celebration of International Women's Day (IWD) 2026, there is a distinct energy vibrating through the lecture rooms, halls and offices of Lupane State University (LSU) this March. This year, we navigate two powerful and complementary themes: the United Nations' rallying cry of "Rights, Justice and Action For ALL Women and Girls" and the global campaign theme, "Give to Gain."

For our community at LSU—a hub of innovation and rural transformation in Matabeleland North—these themes are not just statements. As we strive to Build Communities through Knowledge, this year's IWD themes serve as a roadmap for how we educate, research, socialize, and lead.

Understanding the Theme: The Power of Reciprocity, the "Give to Gain" concept serves as a reminder that empowerment is not a zero-sum game. In the context of Higher Education in Zimbabwe, it means that when we "give" by investing in female researchers, supporting female students, and mentoring young women in STEM, Humanities and other fields, the entire university "gains" in intellectual diversity, communal stability, and academic excellence.

At the same time, the UN theme of "Rights. Justice. Action" demands that we look at the structural side of the coin. It asks us for example, if our campus policies are protecting the rights of every woman within the LSU campus and the communities that we serve. It also questions if justice is accessible for those facing harassment or bias in the University system.

The theme is also a huge reminder and call to action to ensure that as Higher Education institutions we are taking concrete action to bridge the gender gap in senior university management.

Higher education is the ultimate "Game-changer." For the women at LSU—from the first-year student to the senior lecturer—International Women's Day 2026 highlights three critical pillars:

Mentorship as a Form of 'Giving'

The "Give to Gain" philosophy thrives through mentorship. When a female professor shares her journey with a struggling undergraduate student, she isn't just giving her time; she is building a legacy.

This year, we celebrate the "multiplication effect"—the idea that one woman's success at LSU paves the way for ten more behind her and that we are indeed our Sister's keeper.

Breaking the 'Glass Lecture Stand'

While female enrollment in tertiary education continues to rise across Zimbabwe, the "leaky pipeline" remains a challenge in higher-tier research and administrative leadership. The call for Justice and Action reminds us that we must intentionally create pathways for women to move from being students to being the decision-makers who shape the future of our higher education institutions. In as much as we lobby for scholarships from undergraduate to post graduate studies for our female students, we need to also work harder in ensuring the talent and skills we have nurtured find space in our university leadership structures to ensure growth and continuous transformation.

Resilience in Rural Development

LSU's unique position as a premier institution in Matabeleland North means our women are often at the forefront of tackling climate change, food insecurity, and community health. Empowering a woman at LSU doesn't just benefit the campus; it transforms the communities of Lupane and the broader economy of Zimbabwe.

International Women's Day is not merely a day for flowers and appreciation posts. It is a day of accountability. It is not enough to just post celebratory messages to female staff and students on our LSU communication platforms. IWD is a day for the entire LSU community to reflect on the type of environment we have created for every woman who walks the LSU corridors, interacts with our platforms, takes part in our community outreach programmes and has used any of our products and relies on any of the services we provide.

For this year, IWD came as a reminder that not only are we responsible for mentoring, transforming communities and ensuring that more women are given their rightful place in decision-making in Higher Education, but that we need to evaluate if we are creating conducive environments for our female staff and students to thrive in Higher Education. To our male students and staff: Be "HeForShe" champions. Recognize that your support of female colleagues is an investment in a more robust and fulfilling academic environment and in extension, the communities we live in. To our female students: Your presence here is an act of courage. Your pursuit of knowledge is the "action" the world needs for growth, sustainability and excellence.

As we reflect on the achievements of every woman at Lupane State University and in the communities around us, let us remember that when we give women the space, the resources, and the respect they deserve, the gains are shared by us all.

Happy International Women's Day!



Empowering Voices: Celebrating Women and Embracing Inclusivity at Lupane State University

By Dr. Shynet Chivasa

At Lupane State University, the Gender, Inclusivity, and Wellness Committee stands as a beacon of progress, championing gender sensitivity, celebrating diversity, and fostering true inclusivity.

As we mark International Women's Day and beyond, we honor the extraordinary women who shape our institution, lecturers, administrators, students, and staff, whose resilience drives excellence amid Zimbabwe's evolving academic landscape.

Our mandate is driven by purpose: to promote gender sensitivity, inclusivity, and wellness by dismantling barriers that have long silenced women's potential. At Lupane State University, we confront this head-on by ensuring that no one is left behind. These initiatives empower women to break glass ceilings.

Celebrating diversity means recognising the rich tapestry of identities that enrich our community. Inclusivity extends beyond gender to embrace students and staff who are variously abled and culturally diverse. We tackle issues like ableism in campus infrastructure and cul-

tural stereotypes that exclude nonbinary voices, fostering empathy. We promote integration of universal design in learning spaces, and we ensure everyone thrives.

Wellness forms the cornerstone of our work, nurturing the holistic health of staff and students. Gender-based violence, mental health strains from academic pressures, and wellness gaps demand urgent action.

Our committee rolls out wellness programmes that promote work-life balance.

We call on the university community to join us, attend wellness events, advocate for violent-free learning environment and amplify diverse voices. As we celebrate women this women's month, let us commit to a future where gender sensitivity, diversity, and inclusivity are not aspirations but realities. Together, we build a wellness-centered Lupane State University where every individual flourishes. Your voice strengthens our collective journey.

Dr. Shynet Chivasa – Chairperson of the Gender Inclusivity and Wellness Committee and LSU Director, Quality Assurance.

Senior Management Inspects Daluka Project

By Preyish Zhou

Lupane State University has made significant strides in community building and development through collaborative projects that have improved livelihoods and promoted both community and regional environmental sustainability.

The University Senior management recently attended a validation meeting and site tour to give stakeholders updates on how the Daluka biogas project has developed.

The community also had a chance to give feedback of their experiences since the inception of the project aimed at transforming local waste into valuable resources at St. Luke's and the Kenmaur Business Centre.

The site tour was mainly to inspect infrastructure and progress of LSU partnered projects which included a nine cubic metre biogas digester and establishment of two waste management recovery centers.

The projects are supported by the Capacitating One Health in Eastern and Southern Africa (COHESA), which is co-funded and implemented by the Organisation of African, Caribbean and Pacific states (OACPS) with the financial support of the European Union.

Launched in 2024, the project is designed to address solid waste management challenges while creating economic opportunities for local communities, guided by the "One Health" approach which recognises the critical links between human, animal, and environmental health.

At the heart of the initiatives is a nine cubic metre biogas digester constructed by the Rural Electrification Agency.

The biogas digester will process biodegradable waste that previously posed public health risks, converting it into gas for various community applications.

The project is a collaboration between LSU, The Environmental Management Agency, Bulawayo Polytechnic and The Rural Electrification Agency.

The multidisciplinary approach brought together academic, regulatory, and technical expertise which ensured the project's success.

Dr Bright Chisadza, the co-principal investigator for the project explained how the biogas digester makes use of waste from a nearby slaughter pole.

"The waste coming from the slaughter pole is not safe for public health, hence the purpose of the Bio digester is to address waste from the slaughter pole and other biodegradable waste and provide energy for various uses," he said.

The gas produced by the digester will be channelled to a waste thermal chamber where it will be used to burn waste and manufacture usable and income generating products such as paraffin and floor polish.

Additionally, the gas will also serve a 300-capacity ward for waiting mothers at St Lukes Hospital.

Beyond the biogas infrastructure, significant progress has been recorded at waste collection centres established at both St Lukes and

Kenmaur business centre.

These facilities are designed to capacitate local communities by creating systems for collecting and recycling waste, turning what was once an environmental challenge into an income-generating opportunity.

The Daluka Waste Recovery Centre has emerged as a model of community participation, with local residents actively engaged in waste collection efforts and maintenance of the site.

Chairperson of a local committee responsible for the maintenance and operations of the site Mr Smart Ncube expressed gratitude to LSU and stakeholders for the project and support.

"I would like to thank LSU and EMA for involving the community in the project and guiding us through the project. The Daluka Waste Recovery Centre has developed up to this point because of our commitment and support from LSU and EMA," he said.

Mr Ncube explained the difficulties that the community faced during the early stages of the implementation of the project at both Waste Recovery Centres.

"The beginning was not easy, we had a high turnout including youths who later dropped out because they expected payment after work. Many also dropped out due to the nature of the project which involves picking up litter which people ridiculed. This is why the local committee is mainly made up of the elderly," he noted.

Significant progress in technical equipment acquisition was observed including a plastic shredder and a specialised baling machine.

The equipment allows the project to process raw plastic waste into shredded material and compressed bales, making it ready for transport and recycling markets.

Giving closing remarks of the event on behalf of the Pro-Vice Chancellor, LSU Dean for the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences Dr Mlamuleli Mhlanga noted that the success of the entire project depends heavily on continued community involvement and ownership.

"From the site tours and presentations, there is evidence that this initiative has gone beyond theory into practice. This is a model of development we believe in, where knowledge serves society and communities become active partners in shaping their own future," he said.

LSU management expressed satisfaction with the progress made so far and reaffirmed the university's commitment to extending its academic expertise beyond the classroom to address real-world community challenges.

"What we witnessed at the sites shows the relationship between academia and the community. The institution exists not only to generate knowledge but to apply it in ways that transform and build livelihoods and strengthen communities," Dr Mhlanga said.

The project forms part of a broader university strategy to contribute to sustainable development of communities in Matabeleland North province and beyond.



LSU staff and community members during the inspection.



The baling machine.

The project is a collaboration between LSU, The Environmental Management Agency, Bulawayo Polytechnic and The Rural Electrification Agency.

Beyond Net Pay: Making Sense of Your Salary and Benefits

For many employees, the payslip is reviewed quickly usually to confirm the net salary amount. However, your payslip is more than just a record of earnings and deductions. It is a financial document that reflects your tax obligations, retirement savings, healthcare coverage, and long-term security. Understanding each line item empowers you to make informed financial decisions and fully benefit from what the university provides.

Your Earnings and Statutory Deductions: Your gross salary represents your total earnings before deductions and may include your basic salary and various allowances. The basic salary is particularly important because it is usually pensionable and forms the basis for retirement contributions and certain employment benefits. Allow-

ances, while helpful for improving monthly cash flow, may not always contribute toward pension growth. Statutory deductions are mandatory and regulated nationally. PAYE (Pay-As-You-Earn), administered by the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority, is deducted according to Zimbabwe's progressive tax system the more you earn, the higher your marginal tax rate. It is important to note that tax is calculated on taxable income not necessarily your full gross salary. This ensures compliance with tax laws and funds public services. You may also see contributions to the National Social Security Authority, which support national retirement, disability, and survivor benefits. Although these deductions reduce take-home pay, they form part of your long-term financial protection.

Pension Contributions: Your pension contribution is one of the most important deductions on your payslip. Pension schemes operate under the oversight of the Insurance and Pensions Commission, and both you and the university contribute toward your retirement savings. These funds are invested to provide income after you retire. Pension contributions are typically calculated from your basic salary; the structure of your remuneration directly affects your retirement outcome. Employees are encouraged to review their pension statements regularly, understand the type of scheme they belong to, and plan early for long-term financial security. Pension contributions should be viewed not as a loss of income, but as deferred earnings designed to support you in the future.

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Medical Aid and Other Deductions: Medical aid contributions fund your healthcare coverage under the university's approved scheme. Depending on your plan, benefits may include doctor consultations, specialist care, hospital admissions, maternity services, and chronic medication support. To maximize your benefits, ensure your dependents are registered correctly, understand your annual limits, use approved service providers, and obtain necessary pre-authorizations. Preventive care services such as routine check-ups are also valuable in maintaining long-term health and reducing unexpected medical expenses. Other deductions on your payslip may include loan repayments, union subscriptions, or funeral policy contributions. Each represents either a financial obligation or a protective

measure. If you are unsure about any deduction, it is advisable to seek clarification from the Human Resources.

Your net salary is the amount credited to your account after all deductions. By paying attention to how your salary is structured and how deductions contribute to your long-term wellbeing, you strengthen both your financial security and overall peace of mind. Your payslip is not just a payroll statement it is a snapshot of your financial health. Take time to review it monthly. Ask questions where clarity is needed. Understand your benefits. Maximize your medical aid. Monitor your pension growth. An informed employee is financially empowered and financial empowerment contributes to personal well-being and institutional strength.



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And so, on Women's Day we chose to celebrate life,
Because we celebrate the miracle of life when we celebrate women.
We celebrate flowers that sacrifice their colours to beautify sidewalks.
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LSU lecturers partake in the inaugural ZIJEN Summit



Mr. Thembelani Moyo



Mr Jennings Joy Chibike

By Thembelani Moyo

Two Lupane State University lecturers recently participated in the Zimbabwe Journalism Educators Network (ZIJEN) National Research Summit which was held for the first time in Harare, seeking to deliberate on how Artificial Intelligence (AI) is affecting journalism practice and training.

Running under the theme: Level Up: AI and Journalism Education, the event brought together leading minds from African countries such as Tanzania, Kenya and Zambia as well as the United Kingdom.

The summit was supported by the Fojo Media Institute from the Linnaeus University and the Swedish

International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).

Representing LSU, Mr Jennings Joy Chibike, who is a lecturer in the Department of Languages, Communication and Media Studies, bemoaned lack of infrastructure and relevant equipment in higher and tertiary learning institutions.

His paper is titled: *Replacing the Idea of Physical Training Studios: Virtual Reality in Film and Television Education in Zimbabwe Universities.*

He argued that it is difficult to achieve virtual reality powered by AI, if the institutions do not have relevant infrastructure like proper television and film studios to cater for media students learning.

Meanwhile, Mr. Thembelani Moyo, who is also a lecturer in the

same department, concurred with Chibike, arguing that universities need to be capacitated so that relevant infrastructure is available for learners to integrate AI to its closely-linked modules.

For instance, there is a need for funding so that universities are able subscribe to AI-powered applications which journalism and media students need for image and video processing.

He presented a paper titled: *Journalism Training in the Age of AI: Opportunities and Challenges Faced by Tertiary Institutions in Zimbabwe.*

During the summit most speakers agreed that the world cannot ignore AI, for the reason that most of the tools have been credited for reducing labour and costs in the

journalism and media industry.

They agreed that with relevant tools, journalists can now easily create content from research to summarising text, image and video editing.

However, they warned that some of the tools cannot be fully trusted as they have been widely used to spread fake news, deep fakes, misinformation and disinformation.

Another point raised was that Zimbabwe and Africa at large must come up with policies that will govern how AI can be decolonised to consider local contexts such language and culture. This also includes how these tools can be ethically used in tertiary institutions for learning purposes.

In his closing remarks, Professor

Mphathisi Ndlovu from the University of Science and Technology (NUST) stressed that AI has a lot of opportunities that it provides for the journalism and media industry and the tools should be embraced.

He thanked the ZIJEN for organising such a fruitful event which will inspire the formation of media policies governing the use of AI in journalism practice and training.

ZIJEN is a professional body formed in 2014 and designed to connect journalism training institutions, enhance curriculum development, and address pedagogical issues in a changing media landscape. ZIJEN brings together major Zimbabwean universities and polytechnics to improve media education quality.

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Bachelor of Commerce Honours Degree in Banking and Finance
Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Hospitality and Tourism
Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Economics
Bachelor of Commerce Honours Degree in Marketing Management
Bachelor of Commerce Honours Degree in Entrepreneurship
Master of Business Leadership
Bachelor Of Commerce Special Honours Degree In Procurement And Supply Chain Management
Bachelor of Commerce Honours Degree Supply Chain Management
Master of Science Degree in Human Resource Management
Bachelor of Commerce Honours Degree in Human Resource Management
Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Industrial Psychology
Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Supply Chain Management
Master of Science (MSc) Degree in Human Resource Management
Bachelor of Commerce Special Honours Degree in Digital Marketing (B Com SP Hons DM)
Master of Science Degree in Supply Chain Management
Master of Science Degree In Hospitality and Tourism
Doctor of Philosophy in Hospitality and Tourism
Doctor of Philosophy in Management and Leadership
Doctor of Philosophy in Business Management
Doctor of Philosophy in Accounting and Finance
Doctor of Philosophy in Human Resource Management



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Bachelor of Education Degree in Mathematics
Bachelor of Education Degree in English and Communication
Bachelor of Education Degree in Agriculture
Bachelor of Education Honours Degree in Language and Communication (IsiNdebele)
Bachelor of Education Degree in Geography
Bachelor of Education Degree in Accounting
Postgraduate Diploma in Education
Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Development Studies
Diploma in Development Studies
Bachelor of Social Science Special Honours Degree in Monitoring and Evaluation
Bachelor of Science Special Honours Degree in Urban Management Studies
Master of Science Degree in Development Studies
Diploma in Youth & Community Development Studies
Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Urban and Regional Planning
Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Anthropology
Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Sociology
Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Peace, Conflict and Security Studies
Master of Social Science Degree in Monitoring and Evaluation
Master of Science in Public Policy and Development Management
Master of Science Degree in Climate Change and Sustainable Development
Bachelor of Arts Honours Degree in Language and Communication Studies
Diploma in Court Interpreting and Translation
Postgraduate Diploma in Media and Public Relations
Bachelor of Arts Honours Degree in IsiNdebele
Diploma in Applied Language Studies
Bachelor of Arts Honours Degree in Applied Language Studies
Bachelor of Arts Honours Degree in Language and Communication Studies
Bachelor of Arts Honours Degree in Film, Television and Media Studies
Bachelor of Arts Honours Degree in Theatre, Performance and Media Technologies
Bachelor of Arts Honours Degree in Tonga/Nambya/Sesotho/Kalanga Language and Culture Studies
Bachelor of Social Science Honours Degree in Geography and Population Studies
Diploma in Geographic Information Science (GIS) and Remote Sensing
Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Natural Resources Management
Postgraduate Diploma in Geographic Information Science and Remote Sensing
Master of Science Degree in Climate Change and Sustainable Development
Master of Science Degree in Development Studies
Master of Social Science in Monitoring and Evaluation
Doctor of Philosophy in African Languages and Culture
Doctor of Philosophy in Media Studies
Doctor of Philosophy in Performance Studies
Doctor of Philosophy in Development Studies
Doctor of Philosophy in Monitoring and Evaluation

FACULTY OF BUILT ENVIRONMENT

Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Urban and Regional Planning
Bachelor of Commerce Honours Degree in Real Estate Management



FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCES

Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Business Computing
Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Information Technology
Bachelor of Engineering Honours Degree in Production Engineering
Bachelor of Engineering Honours Degree in Mechatronics Engineering
Bachelor of Engineering Honours Degree in Fuels and Energy Engineering



Proceedings during the practice.

ZUSA Preparations Intensify as LSU Teams Gear Up for the Competition

By Sibanda Njabulo Sports Reporter

Preparations for the upcoming Zimbabwe Universities Sports Association Games (ZUSA) are gathering momentum, with LSU student-athletes stepping up their training as the competition draws closer.

The tournament will be staged across several host institutions, with sporting disciplines divided into three clusters.

Cluster 1, hosted by the National University of Science and Tech-

nology (NUST), will feature athletics, soccer, tennis, basketball and rugby.

Cluster 2 will be held at the Great Zimbabwe University (GZU) and will include chess, volleyball, netball, cricket, pool and handball.

Meanwhile, Cluster 3 events – hockey, golf and Paralympic competitions – will be hosted by the Chinhoyi University of Technology (CUT).

Speaking in an interview, LSU soccer team coach Anele Nyathi expressed optimism about his

teams' readiness ahead of the games.

"Preparations are still ongoing, but so far we are satisfied with the progress. The teams are looking sharper with each training session," Nyathi said.

He acknowledged that the teams had hoped to arrange more friendly matches as part of their build-up but emphasised that the available time and resources would be used effectively.

"Of course, there are things we would have liked to do differently,

particularly playing more friendly matches.

"However, we will work with what we have and ensure that we get the best possible results from it," he said.

Nyathi also commended the attitude shown by both the men's and women's squads, highlighting determination and commitment as key factors in their preparations.

"The boys and girls have shown great determination, which is exactly the mentality we need. Over the coming weeks we will focus on

addressing the areas that still require attention.

"In terms of competitiveness, our intensity is almost where it needs to be," he added.

Preparations in other sporting disciplines are also progressing steadily, although persistent rainfall in recent weeks has posed some challenges to outdoor training sessions.

Despite these setbacks, LSU teams remain focused as they aim to deliver strong performances at this year's ZUSA games.