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# ZEGU OPEN DAY A SUCCESS!

## *Education 5.0 in motion*



**ZEGU OPEN DAY : VIEW FROM ATOP**

THE Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University (ZEGU) Bindura Campus was a hive of activity, as schools from across the country and corporates thronged the institution for the ZEGU 2022 Open Day held on the 13th May.

ZEGU literally transformed the sleepy mining town of Bindura into the country's education hub, momentarily, as the event serenaded A-level pupils for the much-needed Career Guidance from ZEGU and the invited professionals from the tens of corporates, who were in attendance. It was a spectacle!



# ZEGU OPEN DAY 2022

*All four Faculties were well represented*



**ZEGU OPEN DAY : images from the various welcome points, department and faculty stations**

The four (4) ZEGU faculties were well represented at the campus, with each faculty being housed at their respective bases. Pupils could be seen actively dashing from one faculty to the next, in search of the requisite "Career Guidance" from ZEGU lecturers and students alike. The Registrar, Chaplain and Student Affairs desks were equally busy, as they worked hand-in-glove with faculties and the Dean's office to deliver top-notch service to invited delegates from across the divide.



# ZEGU OPEN DAY EXHIBITION STANDS

*corporate sector proved to be a masterstroke*



**ZEGU OPEN DAY : Staff members from various departments welcome guests**

Invitation of the corporate sector proved to be a masterstroke by ZEGU, as students also managed to pay visits to the exhibition stands, where tens of corporates were housed to enable interaction with students.

What also caught the eye was the sight of invited corporate staffers taking turns to visit the ZEGU faculties, as the institution's Block Release programmes are becoming popular with Zimbabweans from different walks of life.

Only recently, the Zimbabwe Council for Higher Education (ZIMCHE) approved a number of (modern) short courses for ZEGU, which has shone the tertiary institution in good light with students.





# REAPING OFF THE BENEFITS OF HARDWORK

*reaping the benefits of 10-years of hard work*



**ZEGU OPEN DAY : A Glimpse on the eventful day's attendees (ABOVE&BELOW)**

ZEGU, for its efforts, is reaping the benefits of 10-years of hard work since being commissioned in the year 2012.

As the first Open Day held by ZEGU since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, strict health regulations and protocols were enforced and adhered to at all stages of the event, which drew over 20-schools from provinces like Bulawayo, Masvingo, Harare, Mashonaland East, Mashonaland West, and Mashonaland Central, and Manicaland, respectively.





# MANY CORPORATES GRACED THE DAY

*“We would like to thank the organizers for the reception we received.”*

However, despite the COVID-19 pandemic issue being a sure threat to the hosting of the event; it was the response from schools and corporates that punctuated the event making it seem simple and natural, as all delegates observed protocols set by the host.

Some of the corporates that graced the occasion include Bindura Nickel Corporation (BNC), PSMAS, Bonvie, Econet, ZB, Telecel, Satra, and Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP), and ZBC, respectively.

No one could have summed up the day better than Eunor Guti Academy Principal Mr. Ngoro who said, “We would like to thank the organizers for the reception we received. The students were really excited to be part of this event which has opened their eyes to the wider career paths to pursue in future,” he opined.

ZEGU is complementing the Government of Zimbabwe (GoZ)'s Education 5.0 drive.



ZEGU OPEN DAY : May 13 2022





# BNC, ZEGU PARTNERSHIP BOON FOR BINDURA TOWN

*Bindura Nickel Corporation (BNC), setting the tone for enhanced cooperation and research*



**ZEGU OPEN DAY : Bindura Nickel Corporation stand**

THE corporate community continues to warm up towards the Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University (ZEGU), with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), yesterday, between the university and Zimbabwe Stock Exchange-listed mining concern, Bindura Nickel Corporation (BNC), setting the tone for enhanced cooperation and research between the two entities.

This year, ZEGU celebrates its 10th Anniversary and it is through such partnerships, that the tertiary institution's growth horizon continues on the right trajectory.

Signing of a cooperation agreement with BNC - a corporate of note, both locally and internationally -signals great things to come for the sleepy mining town of Bindura, as potential can be unlocked through such partnerships.

No doubt, the university's wealth of knowledge coupled with its squeak clean reputation as a tertiary institution of note proved to be too attractive an opportunity for BNC to make its mark, as a partner, through close cooperation with ZEGU.

Despite signatories being tight-lipped about the whole MoU, as it is still in its infancy stages; for ZEGU, cooperating with a big corporate like BCN presents opportunities for enhanced research on various aspects and given the fact that both entities are located in Bindura makes it more interesting for residents of the town.

The MoU has undoubtedly brought about excitement to both parties concerned and the neutral alike.

Founded in 1966, BNC is a subsidiary of Zimnick Limited and is operated and majority-owned by Mwana Africa plc, an African multi-national mining company based in Johannesburg, South Africa. The operating subsidiary of BNC is Trojan Nickel Mine Limited.



# ZEGU scores a first

*Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti Uni ...commences protein stockfeed project*



*ZEGU Pro Vice Chancellor, Professor E. Garwe*

THROUGH its innovative hub, the Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University (ZEGU) has scored a first by successfully launching a stock-feed project, which complements the Government of Zimbabwe (GoZ)'s 5.0 Education, a catalyst for achieving Vision 2030.

Under Education 5.0, tertiary institutions are expected to launch outcomes-focused national development activities toward a competitive, modern and industrialized Zimbabwe. It is now all about problem-solving for value-creation.

ZEGU's maneuvers are set to empower farmers on cheap and innovative means to boost livestock health and quality, throughout the country.

For many decades, livestock farmers have found the cost of feed expensive, thereby, exposing their livestock to stunted growth and various diseases, as a result of a shortage of the required nutrients, as grazing lands continue to deplete as a result of various issues chief among them climate change and expansion of human activity to virgin lands.

Furthermore, the cost of livestock in the various outlets across the country continues to sky-rocket beyond the reach of many communal and commercial farmers.

Addressing delegates who attended the project launch at the ZEGU Bindura campus, this April, ZEGU Pro-Vice-Chancellor Professor Evelyn Garwe expressed joy and optimism about the strides made by the tertiary education institution.

"We gathered here sometime back, on the 4th March, where we launched this project, and where we are going to harvest protein that we are going to dry and feed our livestock.

"... Within a period of two weeks, we will be harvesting and thereafter we

will be harvesting quite frequently, at intervals of one to two days.

"We are taking this as a learning exercise," said Prof Garwe.

However, according to analysis from experts, the project suffered from the intense heat during the dry spells since its inception; hence, since it's a learning curve, the institution has ample time to prepare the project to operate at maximum capacity, going forward.

Despite the intense heat, project managers are expecting a bumper harvest of weeds per square metre from each pond.

Harvesting has already commenced, with the routine harvests taking place in the mornings to enable adequate drying of the weeds at day's end.

Speaking on the same occasion, Innovator and Facilitator of the project, Mr Makoni commended ZEGU for its courage and for being the only tertiary institution to have embarked on the project, locally, before calling other universities to follow suit.

"It (Stockfeed project) was courage and research. I don't think there is any university that has come up with such a project, which is so wonderful. We want to understand how this thing (project) operates," he said.

The ZEGU Stockfeed project has seen about 10 ponds being commissioned in Bindura.

According to the information at hand, the weed is most likely to contain plus or minus 50 percent (%) protein.

Education 5.0 is centred on the Heritage-based philosophy of shaping future technology through innovation and industrialisation.



# SUSTAINABLE

## *ZEGU commits to SDGs localization drive*



### *ZEGU seeks to play a proactive role in the globe's efforts to attain the set 17 SDGs*

THE Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University (ZEGU) has taken the lead in research on the localization of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in institutions of higher learning after signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with a consortium of universities.

According to the United Nations (UN) SDGs localization is generally referred to as “the process of defining, implementing, and monitoring strategies at the local level to achieve global, national, and sub national sustainable development goals and targets”.

For tertiary institutions like ZEGU, sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Universities are strategic spaces for promoting SDGs, from training, research, and outreach capacity to implementing sustainable actions, helping to reduce inequalities and significantly promoting sustainable cities and communities.

The territory outreach of universities makes them leaders in promoting public-private alliances, offering to volunteer, cooperating with the environment, accompanying sustainable growth models, and helping social economy companies.

Hence, it is in this light that ZEGU seeks to play a proactive role in the globe's efforts to attain the set 17 SDGs, as tertiary students play a vital role as initiators, drivers and contributors of the sustainability processes, which makes the institution's role and move into research towards localization of SDGs a significant benefit to the nation.

Whilst some might be oblivious of the obvious dangers that threaten

Zimbabwe and the globe, at large, if SDGs are not taken seriously then recent natural disasters that have engulfed earth should be a telling sign.

Climate Change, on its own, has threatened human existence as it has impacted negatively on the socio-economic fabric of society, as droughts and prolonged erratic rainfall periods have become the order of the day leaving millions at the mercy of the double edged sword of starvation and certain death.

Furthermore, COVID-19 has made it more urgent to localize the SDGs and demonstrated the critical role of sub national governments in immediate crisis response, such as disease containment and emergency relief operations.

The pandemic's wide-ranging effects have set back gains made against other nemesis like climate change, as COVID-19 has led to increased poverty, hunger, and inequality, and slowed down economic growth considerably.

ZEGU's timeous move to have a say in Zimbabwe's SDGs localization will certainly edify the UN's efforts to rally member nations, conglomerates and tertiary institutions that are yet to take the initiative and the general populace to play an active role.

Universities are the future leaders, and having them on board in efforts to achieve the 17 SDGs creates potential for a transformative process on a larger scale in the promotion of the SDGs in general and the fight against poverty in particular.

With only a decade left to achieve sustainability, countries must build back better and accelerate the implementation of SDGs.





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