## FACTSHEET ON CAPACITIES IN AGRICULTURAL HIGHER EDUCATION

# Capacity Building in Agricultur

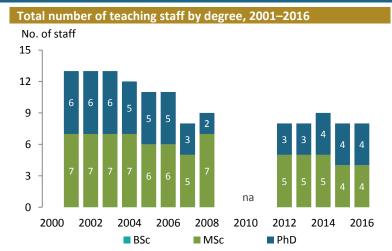
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### **Africa University, Zimbabwe**

**Faculty of Agriculture and Natural Resources** 

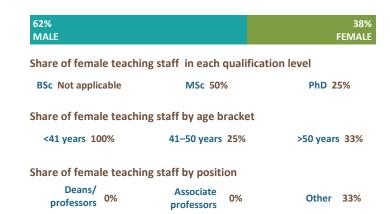
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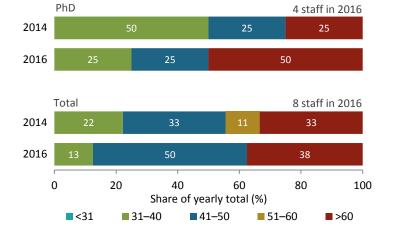
Note: The university was established in 2001. Data for 2009–2011 were not available.

#### Share of teaching staff by gender, 2016



Note: "Other" includes senior lecturers, lecturers, and assistant lecturers.

#### Share of teaching staff by age bracket, 2016

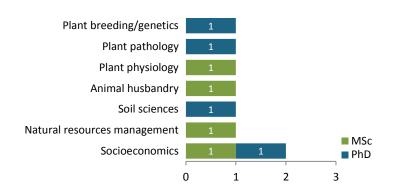


Share of teaching staff by position, 2016

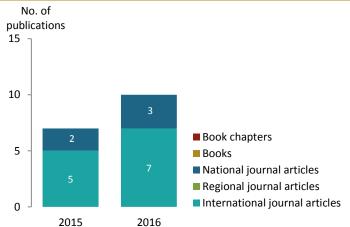


Note: Data on the share of teaching staff by position were not available.

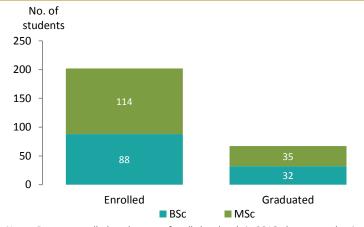
#### MSc- and PhD-qualified teaching staff by discipline, 2016



#### Total number of peer-reviewed publications by type, 2015/2016

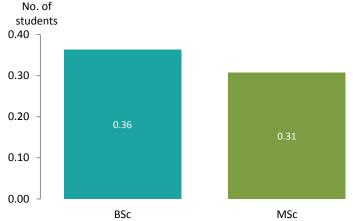


#### Total number of enrolled and graduated students by degree, 2016



Notes: Data on enrolled students are for all class levels in 2016; data on graduating students are for 2015/16. The faculty does not offer PhD-degree level programs.

### Ratio of graduated to enrolled students by degree, 2016



Notes: Data indicate the ratio of graduated to enrolled students at each degree level. The faculty does not offer PhD-degree level programs.

#### Share of enrolled and graduated students by gender, 2016





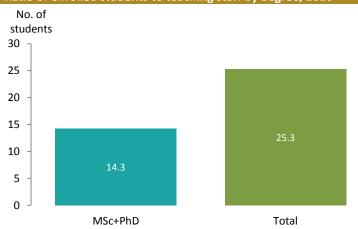


Share of female students graduated within each degree level

BSc 41% MSc 37% PhD Not applicable

Note: The faculty does not offer PhD-degree level programs.

#### Ratio of enrolled students to teaching staff by degree, 2016



Notes: Data indicate the ratio of MSc students to MSc- and PhD-qualified teaching staff, and total students to total teaching staff. The faculty does not offer PhD-degree level programs.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Credible quantitative and qualitative information on existing capacities in agricultural higher education agencies in Africa are crucial for strategic planning, policy formulation, setting priorities and benchmarks, measuring progress toward benchmarks, and identifying capacity gaps. Decisionmakers require a solid understanding of existing staffing and student capacities in the higher education sector, as well as in the wider agricultural innovation systems in Africa south of the Sahara. Access to such information supports effective policymaking to address capacity issues in higher education, agricultural research, extension, and other areas. Such information remains extremely limited, however.

To fill this need, the International Food Policy Research Institute's Agricultural Science and Technology Indicators (ASTI/IFPRI) and the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) initiated a partnership to pilot the collection of this type of data for RUFORUM's member universities. This factsheet presents the available data results for Africa University, Faculty of Agriculture and Natural Resources. An online version of the data is available via the Portal on Agricultural Capacity in RUFORUM Universities: www.asti.cgiar.org/RUFORUM.

#### ABOUT RUFORUM, ASTI, AND IFPRI

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) is a network of 85 universities in 36 African countries whose mandate is to strengthen the quality and relevance of postgraduate training and research in African universities—especially in agriculture, science, technology, and innovation—through activities designed to improve the capacity of African universities and research centers to generate knowledge relevant to Africa's development challenges. Agricultural Science and Technology Indicators (ASTI) is a comprehensive and trusted source of information on agricultural R&D systems across the developing world. ASTI works through collaborative alliances with numerous national and regional R&D agencies and international institutions, and is led by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), which—as a CGIAR member—provides evidence-based policy solutions to sustainably end hunger.

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