

FAO courtesy visit to GRN's Agricultural Research Stations

March, Tsumeb: While attending Namibia's 28th Independence Celebration in Tsumeb, the FAO Representative (FAOR) to Namibia, Farayi Zimudzi took advantage of the opportunity and paid courtesy visits to Omatjene Research Station and Mannheim Research Station.

The FAOR was impressed with the facilities at Omatjene Research Station used for Phase C livestock intensive feeding trials. She expressed her appreciation for the excellent work being done to conserve indigenous livestock breeds such as Sanga Cattle, Damara Sheep and Afrikaner Cattle. Conservation of these breeds is very important as they are more adapted to the harsh local environment which is further exacerbated by climate change. Their hardiness and drought tolerant genes should be conserved and improved upon to help farmers cope with climate change.

At Mannheim Research Station, the FAOR met the Team responsible for research in the following areas: mutation breeding of cowpeas and sorghum, orchard production, and soil fertility management. The FAOR congratulated the Research Team for releasing new cowpea and sorghum varieties and urged them to continue with the good work being done at the station.



FAOR Zimudzi evaluating crops being grown at the research facility. FAO