

MSU, CANR partner with African Food Security

23 July 2024 | News

This collaboration will bring a major aspect to our development of a world-class project on the African continent via skills transfer



This collaboration will bring a major aspect to our development of a world-class project on the African continent via skills transfer

Michigan State University (MSU) College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) has signed a letter of intent (LoI) to discuss and explore collaborative opportunities with African Food Security (AFS), an agricultural development company emerging from Cameroon, dedicated to becoming a global leader in Food Security.

MSU, a premier land-grant university in the United States of America, is recognised as a worldwide centre of excellence in international agricultural research, education, and outreach. Over the past several decades, MSU College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) has developed and implemented several collaborative research, education, outreach, and technology transfer programs with public and private organisations and universities globally. Currently, CANR faculty, staff, and students are engaged in collaborative programs in over 80 countries towards the goal of advancing knowledge and transforming lives.

Zayd Baba, UAE AFS Chairman, speaking in Dubai, stated, "This collaboration will bring a major aspect to our development of a world-class project on the African continent via skills transfer. The sustainable nature of education cannot be measured as a precursor to development." Under the terms of the LoI, MSU and AFS will explore collaborations in educational programs and faculty and student exchanges in designated Cameroonian universities in all fields of agricultural and natural resources studies, which plan to include the University of Ngaoundere and the University of Maroua. The broad areas for collaboration may include agronomy, animal husbandry broadly, soil health, cattle feed, greenhouse gas emissions, and animal genetics, as well as the potential creation of a joint Centre of Excellence in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) or West Africa.