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AGBIZ APPOINTS HEAD: ECONOMIC AND AGRIBUSINESS INTELLIGENCE

It is with great pleasure that Agbiz announces the appointment of Mr Wandile Sihlobo to the position of Head: Economic and Agribusiness Intelligence, starting 2nd May 2016. Wandile has previously served as an economist at Grain SA, where he was mainly responsible for macroeconomics, grain market and international trade research. His expertise covers grain and oilseed commodities such as maize (corn), wheat, sorghum, barley, sunflower seed, soybeans, canola and groundnuts (peanuts). During this time, he was involved in drafting the grain industry's export strategy which led to successful openings of a number of export markets. He also served as part of the secretariat of the Agri-Sector Unity Forum (ASUF) Land Reform working group.

Wandile has contributed immensely on a multitude of articles and publications like the Business Day, Mail and Guardian, Business Report, NAMC's Trade Probe, SA Grain Magazine, Farmers weekly, Agbiz Weekly Newsletter, among others. These publications, and his work, are regularly cited in various media outlets, including television and radio programmes, where he has advocated for international and domestic agricultural and economic issues on global and local media platforms. Wandile holds a Master of Science degree in Agricultural Economics from Stellenbosch University.

According to Tinashe Kapuya, Head International Trade and Investment at Agbiz, "Wandile brings a tremendous amount of energy and workmanship that will significantly contribute to the Agbiz economic and agribusiness intelligence output". He adds, "I have worked with Wandile on a number of areas in his previous capacity at Grain SA, and I have no doubt that he will add to the strategic value proposition of Agbiz, not least because of his rich network and expertise".



Photo: Mr Wandile Sihlobo, newly appointed Head: Economic and Agribusiness Intelligence at Agbiz.

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