



AGRI-FOOD FEST CONFERENCE DRAFT PROGRAM

DAY 1: FRIDAY 13 OCTOBER 2017

- 07h00 - 09h00** Registration
- 09h00 - 09h05** **OPENING REMARKS BY CONFERENCE MODERATOR: Mr. Thabo Mdluli, Power FM**
- 09h05 - 09h15** Singing of the National Anthem
- 09h15 - 09h25** Welcome Remarks and outline of the purpose of the conference:
Mr Lebogang Maile, MEC for Economic Development, Gauteng Province
- 09h25 - 09h30** Video on the profile of Main Agricultural projects
- 09h30 - 09h55** Opening Address
Mr David Makhura, Premier, Gauteng Province
- 10h00 - 11h00** Keynote Address
H.E Mr. Senzeni Zokwana, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
- 11h00 - 12h00** **PANEL I: Agricultural Investments, Financing & Insurance**
MODERATOR: Mr T Mdluli, Power FM
LEAD DISCUSSANT: Mr. TP Nchocho, Chief Executive, Land Bank
- PANELISTS:**
Dr. J Purchase, CEO, Agricultural Business Chamber
Mr. J Lombart, Santam
Mr. R Karuaihe, Commodity Derivatives, Specialist, Johannesburg Stock Exchange
Dr. L Simela, Agri Business Development Manager of Absa
Dr. T Davids, Bureau for Food and Agriculture Policy (BFAP)





12h00 - 13h00

PANEL II: Agro-processing & Market Access, Opportunities and Blind spots

MODERATOR: MMC Dennis Thabe – West Rand District Municipality

LEAD DISCUSSANT: **Mr. M Tshabalala**, Head of Agro-processing, Thebe Investment.

PANELISTS:

Mr. T MADIMA, Executive Manager: Agribusiness; Fresh Produce.

Ms. N Mcata, Chief Director of Agro-processing, DTI

Dr. S Ngqangweni, Senior Manager: Markets & Economic Research Centre (MERC) National Agricultural Marketing Council (NAMC)

Dr. R Ndhala, Researcher: Agro – processing of Medicinal Plants, Agricultural Research Council.

Mr. J Hammann, Director of Agricultural Development, Africa- AB INBEV

Dr. M Mulumba, Senior Manager Research of Veterinary, ARC-Veterinary Institute

13h00 - 14h00

Official Opening of the Exhibition and Lunch

14h00 - 16h00

PARALLEL SESSIONS

1. FARM OF THE FUTURE, E-AGRICULTURE AND CLIMATE ADAPTATION – IMPACT AND THE NEED TO ENSURE ADAPTATION BY ALL STAKEHOLDERS FOR FOOD SECURITY

MODERATOR: MMC Doctor Xhakaza: Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality

Lead Discussant: Dr. Shadrack Moephuli, CEO: Agriculture Research Council

PANELISTS:

Mr. D Naidoo, Chief Executive Officer, Water Research Commission

Ms. T Abrahamse, Chief Executive Officer, SANBI

Mr. J Van Buuren, CEO, Eden Green Hydroclimaponics

Dr. Mpandeli, Specialist Advisor of Climate Change Adaptation, Department of Environment





2. AGRI LOGISTICS AND MECHANIZATION: WHAT ARE THE AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITIES, MITIGATING BARRIERS TO ENTRY AND INCREASING ACCESS?

MODERATOR: MMC Michael Mkhari – City of Tshwane

LEAD DISCUSSANT: **Mr. M Tshabalala**, Head of Agro-Processing, Thebe Investments

PANELISTS:

Ms. B Horn, Chief Executive Officer, Shippers Council SA

Mr. G KELLY, Technical and Operations Manager, Road Freight Association

Mr. H Doormer, Divisional head, Barloworld Logistics

Mr. C CREED, Managing Director, Vector Logistics

3. INFRASTRUCTURE: HOW DO WE INCREASE ACCESS TO “ON AND OFF FARM” STRATEGIC AGRI - ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE FOR A COMPETITIVE SECTOR?

MODERATOR: MMC Greta Hlongwane – Sedibeng District

LEAD DISCUSSANT: **Mr. E Mtshiza**, Chief Director CASP, DAFF

PANELISTS:

Ms. L Matshekga, Divisional Executive for Agri Infrastructure and new Industries, IDC

Mr. D Mokgojwa, Senior Manager, Standard Bank Enterprise Development

Dr. V Mahlati, President of AFASA





4. AGRICULTURE TRAINING AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT: WHAT SKILLS DO WE NEED TO ATTAIN A FOOD SECURE FUTURE FOR ALL?

MODERATOR: MMC Nozuko Best – Merafong Local Municipality

LEAD DISCUSSANT: Ms. A Shokwana, Head of Training, DAFF

PANELISTS:

Mr. N Maluleke, Chief Operating Officer, Buhle Farmers Academy

Ms. E Van der Heever, Head of Training, ARC-VOPI

Mr. K Chauke, Southern Western TVET College

Mr. J Madiba, AgriSETA.

5. ACCESS TO LAND FOR A THRIVING SECTOR: EXPLORING LAND AUDIT, EXPROPRIATION OPTIONS AND RELATED MECHANISMS

MODERATOR: MMC Steven Mazibuko – Rand West City Municipality

LEAD DISCUSSANT: Ms. R Masango, Chief Director, DRDLR Gauteng Regional Office

PANELISTS:

Ms. K Khumalo, Convener of Presidential BEE advisory Council

Mr. T De Jager, Chief Executive Officer, AgriSA

Mr. A Mahanjana, Secretary General, AFASA

17h00 – 18h30 COCKTAIL DINNER AND NETWORKING





DAY 2: SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER 2017

FOCUS: Opportunities for Intra-Africa Trade and Investment in Agriculture

09h00 - 09h15

Welcome remarks and recap of the first day: **HOD, Mr. N Nkontwana**

09h15 - 09h30

The Gauteng City Region's role in promoting Africa's Intra-Africa Trade and Investment

MEC, Lebogang Maile, GDARD & GDED

09h30 - 11h00

TOPIC: How do we minimize barriers and enhance Intra-Africa Trade in Agriculture

MODERATOR: **MMC Themba Motsepe** – Lesedi Local Municipality

LEAD DISCUSSANT: **Dr M Mulumba**, Senior Manager Research of Veterinary, ARC-Veterinary Institute

PANELISTS:

Ms. W Viljoen, Researcher, Tralac

Ms. N Mdawe, Secretary General, Ports Management Association of Eastern and Southern Africa

Mr. W Mngwambe, Project Manager, Solidaridad Network

Mr. W Sihlobo, Agricultural Economist, Agricultural Business Chamber

11h00 - 12h00

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: Regional agricultural opportunities

MODERATOR: **Acha Leke**

SADC Multi-country Agricultural Productivity Programme (MAPP)

Dr. Thembinkosi Mhlongo – Deputy General Secretary SADC

East African Community - TBC

Economic Community of West Africa (ECOWAS) – TBC

NEPAD Secretariat Chair – **Dr Ibrahim Mayaki**

