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Annual Conference of the Agricultural Economics Association of South Africa (AEASA)

The 56th annual conference of AEASA is scheduled for 25 to 27 September 2018 at the Lord Charles hotel, Somerset-West. AEASA is a professional organisation of agricultural and related economists in South Africa, established in 1961. One of the key objectives of AEASA is to promote the application of the scientific principles of Agricultural Economics in order to solve agricultural, agribusiness, rural and relevant national problems in Southern Africa.

The proposed theme for the event is “Practicing Agricultural Economics in an uncertain neighbourhood”. The Simon Brand Memorial Address will be delivered by Dr Karen Brooks, Director of the CGIAR Research Program on Policies, Institutions, and Markets at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington DC. Furthermore, various prominent local role players in agriculture will partake in panel discussions on the role and contributions of Agricultural Economists in, amongst other, growth and investment in the agricultural sector, agribusinesses, the wine and horticultural industries, policy making and government.

The conference website can be visited at <https://centegevents.wixsite.com/aeasa2018> for a draft programme, as well as online registration and paper submissions. Full papers can be submitted for consideration on the programme until 15 June 2018.

For further enquiries kindly contact the Conference Secretariat at AEASA2018@allevents.co.za

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