## **Launching Successful Commercial Indoor Farming in Africa and its Cities**

Urban agriculture and vertical farming could offer sustainable and innovative solutions for improving food security. Modest versions of Urban Agriculture have surfaced in some African countries like Uganda, Kenya, Nigeria, Botswana and South Africa.

Such farms can range from Small-Scale Farms like rooftop farms, allotments to Commercial-Scale Farms like indoor farms with cutting-edge climate-controlled technology, to Aquaponics that grows vegetables. All the various forms when added up could prove crucial in fighting hunger and ensuring proper nutrition in urban areas.

Africa has unique opportunities for vertical farms. Feeding Africa's rapidly-growing urban population will continue to be a daunting challenge, but vertical farming – along with its variations – is one of the most innovative approaches that can be tapped into as part of an effort to grow fresh, healthy, nutritious and pesticide-free food for consumers.

What new business models will be successful, and will new players disrupt the traditional farming landscape? How can we feed more people on limited agricultural land, with limited resources? How can we best use space, light and logistics for an increasingly urban population?

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Urban Agri Africa 2018 will answer these questions and more.

### You will Probe these Important Topics:

- Developing Policies for Urban Agriculture for Food Security Contributing Factors
- Practical Urban Farming Techniques Ideal for Meeting the Challenges of Urbanisation and Climate Change
- Vertical Aquaponics Farms to Cultivate Algae, Prawns and Mussels Current Cultivation and Challenges for Commercialisation
- Applications of Artificial Intelligence and Big Data Mining in the Next Generation of Vertical Farms
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- Renewable Energy: Challenges of LED-based Farming in Africa
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- Exploring Practical Case Studies of Different Forms of Commercial Indoor Vertical Farming
- Endogenous Clocks and Their Role in Optimising Productivity for Indoor Farming
- What Will Hybrid Technology Bring for Vertical Farms in Africa?
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# Join the Post-Event Farm Visit to a Commercial Aquaponics Farm



Hear and see a South African youth's urban farming journey from dream to commercial realisation.

### **Invited Speakers Include:**

- Lebogang Maile, MEC, Gauteng Department of Economic, Environment, Agriculture & Rural Development, South Africa
- Roger Tuckeldoe, *Director of Smallholder Development*,
   Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries,
   South Africa
- Esther Ndumi Ngumbi, Research Fellow, Auburn University, USA
- Ada Osakwe, CEO, Agrolay Ventures, Nigeria
- Aliyu Abdulhameed, MD & CEO, Nigerian Incentive-Based Risk Sharing System for Agriculture Lending(NIRSAL), Nigeria
- Michelle Adelman, MD, Go Fresh, Botswana
- Scott Carrus, *Lead Horticulturist*, **Agritecture Consulting**, **USA**
- Thato Moagi, MD, Legae La Banareng Farms
- Peter Chege, CEO, Hydroponics Africa, Kenya
- Michael Rudolph, *Director*, Siyakhana Multipurpose Cooperative
- Naudé Malan, Senior Lecturer, University of Johannesburg
- Mlibo Bantwini, Executive Officer, Dube Agri Zone, South Africa
- Inge Kuschke, Agriculture Analyst, Greencape
- Richard Lomax, MD, LEDZShine
- Rikalize Reinecke, Owner, La Pieus Aqua, South Africa
- Peter Douglas, MD, Carbon Negative Solutions
- Jeremy Rich, MD, Future Farms South Africa

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# Come to Grips with the Emerging Industry Trends and Developments that will have the Greatest Potential for Your Operations in the Short and Long Run

The **2<sup>nd</sup> Urban Agri Africa 2018** will look at general trends, barriers and investments into Vertical Farming, Green Houses and CEA Technology. This year's event will also take a peek into other forms of Urban Farming like Alternate Protein Farming and Vertical Aquaponics Farming to Cultivate Algae, Prawns and Mussels.

According to Global Market Insights (2017), the global vertical farming market size, both indoor and outdoor, is estimated to grow by more than 27% from 2013 to 2024, with indoor farming growing at a much faster pace. Steady growth is predicted for the three main technologies applied in CEA; however, it is anticipated that hydroponics will remain the most popular technology.

In 2016, the global market size for vertical farming was more than US\$2 billion (R28 billion) and is predicted to surpass US\$13 billion (R186 billion) by 2024. Outdoor vertical farming is estimated to account for less than 30% of the overall market growth, highlighting the shift toward indoor farming.

Farmers using CEA have reported revenue increases of up to 60% owing to higher yields and longer production cycles



"The Summit was clearly a very successful, enjoyable and productive two days... with numerous delegates already discussing the next meeting which testified to the positive impact of the gathering."

Prof Michael Rudolph, Director, Siyakhana Multipurpose Cooperative

#### Who Should Attend this Summit?

- Farmers and Growers
- Urban Planners
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Angel Adelaja, Founder & CEO, Fresh Direct Produce, Nigeria



"The Urban Agri Summit Africa was an interactive platform that lead with though provoking topics and presentations needed for individuals to broaden and develop their insights in Controlled Environment Agriculture. The most encouraging memory is seeing young people using this innovation successfully to change society."

Thato Moagi, Legae La Banareng Farms, South Africa



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# **Summit Agenda**

# **DAY ONE** Tuesday 25 September

8.30 am	Registration & Coffee	
9.00 am	Welcome Remarks by The Organiser Maggie Tan, CEO, Magenta Global, Singapore	
9.05 am	Chairman's Introduction Prof Michael Rudolph, <i>Managing Director</i> , Siyakhana Multipurpose Cooperative	
9.15 am	Industry Address Lebogang Maile, Member of the Executive Committee, Gauteng Department of Economic, Environment, Agriculture & Rural Development, South Africa (invited)	
9.30 am	Developing Urban Agriculture Policies for Food Security - Contributing Factors Roger Tuckeldoe, Director of Smallholder Development, Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries, South Africa	
10.00 am	Food Security Challenges: Case Study for the City of Johannesburg  Optimising Urban Agriculture Support for Women & Youth  Local Government Partnerships  Investment Challenges Prof Michael Rudolph, Managing Director, Siyakhana Multipurpose	
10.20 am	Cooperative	
	Coffee Break / Networking / Exhibition Area	
10.45 am	Structuring Affordable Financing for Urban Agriculture Aliyu Abdulhameed, MD & CEO, Nigerian Incentive-Based Risk Sharing System for Agriculture Lending (NIRSAL), Nigeria	
11.15 am	Innovative Approaches to Feed Africa's Urbanising Cities – Vertical Farms  • Challenges Facing Entrepreneurs Venturing in Vertical & Urban Farming In Africa  • Moving into the Future Esther Ndumi Ngumbi, Research Fellow, Auburn University, USA	
11.45 am	BOTSWANA: Sustainable Food Systems - Trading Fairly, Ethically and Profitably  Operating 365-days a year in a Climate Controlled Greenhouse in Botswana  Using Distributed Farming Methodology to eliminate the Cost & Spoilage of Transportation of Perishable Produce  Hiring & Training Local Youths pays off in the Long Run Michelle Adelman, Managing Director, Go Fresh, Botswana	
12.15 pm	A South African Youth's Urban Farming Journey from Dream To Commercial Realisation Rikalize Reinecke, <i>Owner</i> , La Pieus Aqua, South Africa	
12.45 pm	Networking Luncheon	
1.30 pm	KENYA: Vertical Hydroponics for Urban Low Income Groups Peter Chege, Owner, Hydroponics Africa, Kenya	
1.45 pm	CEA Trends and Barriers in SA Agriculture Production Inge Kuschke, Agriculture Analyst, Greencape	
2.15 pm	Financing Challenges in Early- to Mid-Stage Opportunities in Innovative African Agribusinesses Ada Osakwe, Managing Director, Agrolay Ventures, Nigeria	
2.45 pm	CASE STUDY: Dube TradePort AgriZone  Operational Challenges - Production, Skill Availability Cost, Renewable Energy and Ensuring International Technology Adaptability & Appropriateness for Local Conditions  Building Sector Cluster and Sector Value Chain Mlibo Bantwini, Executive Officer, Dube Agri Zone	

5.00 pm	Close of DAY ONE / Networking Drinks (BYO)	
4.30 pm	PANEL DISCUSSION: Developing the Supply Chain to Get Market Access Invited Panelists:  • Speakers of Day One, plus  • Sammy Phalane, Managing Director, Green-Buds Fresh Produce Market (invited)	
4.00 pm	How Roof Top Farms are Changing the Johannesburg Skyline - From Farm to Table Jeremy Rich, Managing Director, Future Farms SA	
3.45 pm	Coffee Break / Networking / Exhibition Area	
3.15 pm	Multi-Stakeholder Engagement as a Means to Integrate Urban Small Farmers into Food Value Chains: - How to Hack Agriculture Naudé Malan, Senior Lecturer Anthropology and Development Studies, University of Johannesburg	

## **DAY TWO** Wednesday 26 September

9.00 am	Chairman's Remarks	
9.05 am	<ul> <li>USA: Lessons from One of the Largest Indoor Farms</li> <li>Market Research, Crop Selection, Design Recommendations and Economic Analysis</li> <li>Scott Carrus, Lead Horticulturist, Agritecture Consulting, USA</li> </ul>	
9.30 am	Vertical Aquaponics Farms to Cultivate Algae, Prawns and Mussels – Current Cultivation and Challenges for Commercialisation Peter Douglas, Managing Director, Carbon Negative Solutions	
10.00 am	Endogenous Clocks and their Role in Optimising Productivity for Indoor Farming Richard Lomax, Managing Director, LEDzShine	
10.30 am	Coffee Break / Networking / Exhibition Area	
11.00 am	Hydroponics Systems for Plant Cultivation and Popular Financing Options Lynn Gunning, Managing Director, NFT Hydro	
11.30 am	Developing the Next Generation of Sustainable Commercial Youth Farmers Thato Moagi, Managing Director, Legae La Banareng Farms	
12.00 pm	Preserving Cultural Traditions Through Food & Technology Kaleb J Hill, <i>President</i> , Oko Vue Produce, USA	
12.30 pm	Close of DAY TWO	
1.30 pm to 4.30 pm	FARM VISIT: La Pieus Aqua South Africa As part of our support for youth in farming, we pay a visit to La Pieus Aqua South Africa where 16-year-old Rikaliza Reinecke is the owner of this lovely Commercial Aquaculture and Aquaponics Farm in South Africa iust outside Pretoria	

## **DAY THREE** Thursday 27 September

8.30 am to 7.30 pm	POST-CONFERENCE CITY TOUR (optional) Based on first-come, first-served basis - limit available.	ted seats
	<ul> <li>Apartheid Museum, Mandela Museum, Lion Park, and Cultural Village.</li> <li>Lunch and dinner included</li> <li>Hosted by Johannesburg Convention Bureau</li> </ul>	Jo Jurg

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