

Agbiz hosts members' workshop for AgriBEE

On the 2nd of August, Agbiz hosted a workshop for its members regarding the AgriBEE sector code. The meeting was facilitated by Dr John Purchase, who has served on the AgriBEE Charter Council for close to 15 years, and Melcus Nel, an expert from the industry.

Transformation has always been one of the principle areas on which Agbiz focuses. Aside from redistributive policies such as land and water reform, B-BBEE is the principle instrument aimed at achieving transformation in the sector. Broad-based black economic empowerment applies to businesses across the economy but certain sectors, such as the agricultural and agribusiness sectors, through the AgriBEE Charter Council, has been granted the opportunity to formulate a scorecard that is more suited to the means, priorities and priorities in the sector.

The Sector Code was recently amended with the view to align it with changes in the generic scorecard and this workshop afforded members the opportunity to explore the key changes as well as the implications which it has on their respective businesses.

In an interactive discussion, members also conveyed their support for the concept of B-BBEE, but drew attention to certain parameters and enforcement measures which have undermined the effective implementation of B-BBEE.

The invitation was also extended to members who wish to host AgriBEE sessions in their areas to make use of the expertise of Agbiz's representatives to the Council.

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