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Agricultural Business Chamber partners with Africa Lead

AFRICA LEAD is a USAID-funded project focused on building capacity for agricultural development in a number of African countries* across the continent. AFRICA LEAD is offering an opportunity for South African companies to participate in their “Agribusiness Leadership Program”. By matching private sector hosts from more technically advanced economies (like South Africa) with participants from enterprises that need technical skills upgrades, the Agribusiness Leadership Program supports skills transfer to facilitate a greater commercial model of agricultural production and value addition in Africa.

The project is seeking partners from South Africa’s agribusiness community to serve as hosts for private sector professionals from elsewhere in Africa. These private sector “interns” will be embedded with the host company for a period of up to 3 months to gain hands-on experience in addressing the technical gap identified as the target of the particular placement.

AFRICA LEAD will provide logistical support and cover all costs associated with the intern’s travel and living expenses for the duration of the placement. The host’s contribution would be provision of their staff time, expertise, and facilities.

Placements are expected to produce mutual benefits for all parties, and AFRICA LEAD will match a host company’s objectives and preferences with the needs of the sending company. Advantages for South African agribusinesses to participating as hosts could include:

- Advancing their own strategic plans by accessing low risk/low cost introductions to agribusinesses in countries that are targets for business expansion;
- Establishing a relationship with a prospective supplier;
- Providing a test run for the hosting company’s own internal training and mentoring programme.

*Eligible countries are: Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania, DRC, Burundi, Sudan, Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia, Angola, Zimbabwe, Ghana, Senegal, Mali, Nigeria, and Liberia.