



THE 3RD AGRI-BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION CONFERENCE

PROGRAMME

**THEME: FARMERS GROWING SOUTH AFRICA:
CREATING JOBS & TRADE OPPORTUNITIES**



DAY ONE:

12:00 - 14:00	Arrival, Registration and Exhibition set up
14:00 - 15:00	Opening address- Deputy President, Hon. David Mabuza Speaker - Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma Revitalising the rural economy & the role of black farmers in creating jobs Farmer 1- Sugar Farmer 2- Horticulture Farmer 3- Piggery Open Discussion
15:10 - 15:45	Farmers creating jobs and exploiting trade opportunities Farmer 1- Grain Farmer 2- Fruit Farmer 3- Livestock
15:45 - 16:00	Tea Break
16:00 - 16:30	Robust Open Discussion
16:30 - 19:00	Networking session - Dinner is served

DAY TWO:

SESSION 1

08:30 - 10:30	Opening and Welcoming by Mr. Neo Masithela – AFASA Chairperson 1.1. Opening devotion: Mr AJ Mthembu 1.2. Introduction of the Minister: Mr. Neo Masithela – AFASA Chairperson 1.3. Opening and keynote address: Hon. Thoko Didiza – Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Land Reform 1.4. Launch of The AFASA Agribusiness Transformation Barometer - Dr. Vuyo Mahlati 1.5. Deregulation of the Agri Sector - The Aftermath: How do we move forward : Ms Njabulo Zwane, Former DG-DAFF
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Moderator - Tshililo Ronald Ramabulana

Panelists:

- Ms Zodwa Ntuli -BEE Commissioner
- Prof Nick Vink - University of Stellenbosh
- John Purchase - AgBiz
- Theo De Jager - President SAAI
- Mr Chris Venter - Afgri

Open Discussion

10:30 - 10:50	Tea/Coffee Break
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SESSION 2

11:20 – 11:35 **Guest Speaker: CEO of the Pan African Bank (The cassava story in Nigeria)**
- Dr Akinwumi Adesina
Agriculture as a catalyst for economic growth and job creation

11:35 – 12:30 **10 years agricultural dream/plan**

Presenters

- SAGRA - Mr Victor Mongoato
- NERPO - Mr Aggrey Mahanjana
- Horticulture (DFDC) - Ms Thembi Xaba
- SAFDA - Dr Madlala
- AGRA - Mr Mike Gcabo
- Poultry - Prof Masihleho

Open discussion

SESSION THREE

12:30 – 13:30 **Government commitment to the 10 years agricultural dream/plan**

- Hon. Gwede Mantashe- Chairperson of Ministerial Economic Cluster
- Hon. Zweli Mkhize- Chairperson of Ministerial Social Cluster
- Dr Kgosisentsho Ramokgopa- MEC of Agriculture, Gauteng Province
- Mr VR Shongwe- MEC of Agriculture, Mpumalanga Province
- Ms Nomakhosazana Meth- MEC of Agriculture, Kwa-Zulu Natal Province

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

SESSION FOUR

14:30 – 17:00 **Commitment from the Financial institutions to the 10 years agricultural dream/plan**

- Ms Konehall Gugushe- Acting CEO of Land Bank
- Mr TP Nchocho- CEO of IDC
- Mr Gert Breet- Head of Agribusiness, FNB
- Mr Patrucj Dlamini- CEO of DBSA
- Mr Nico Groenewald- Head of AgriBusiness, Standard Bank

18:30 – 22:00 **AFASA Agribusiness Transformation Conference Gala Dinner & Presidential Awards**

Speaker from the African Wine Producers of SA

GUEST OF HONOUR: HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT CYRIL RAMAPHOSA



DAY THREE:

08:30 – 09:45

Guest speaker: Min of Trade and Industry- Hon. Ebrahim Patel

Panel Discussion: Unlocking trade opportunities for emerging farmers (EU, AfCFTA and BRICS)

- Henri A. Minnaar - Agri-Mentor
- Mike de Klerk - DNAEconomics
- BRICS (Brizil or China)
- Mr Ismael Sunga - SACAU
- Coffee Growers (From Ghana)
- Wine Representative

Open discussion

09:45 – 10:00

Tea Break

10:00 – 12:00

Speaker- One of the best farmers and how state institutions have played a role in their journey

- Dr Shadrack Moiphuli - Ceo of ARC
- Mr Zama Xalisa - CEO of NAMC
- Mr Lucien Jansen – CEO of PPECB
- Dr Baptiste (Baty) Dungu - CEO of OBP

12:00 – 1:30

Summary and Closure

- By President of AFASA -Dr. Vuyo Mahlati

Vote of Thanks

- Mr Mathidi - AFASA Director and Limpopo Chairman

13:30 – 14:30

Lunch

