



Nuusvrystelling

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Graan SA Kongres 2012

Die afgelope jaar het vele veranderinge vir Graan SA ingehou. Sekere strategiese fokuspeunte is geïdentifiseer waaronder nuwe geleenthede vir landbou 'n belangrike rol speel. Vandaar die tema vir Kongres 2012: *Nuwe geleenthede: Invoervervanging en uitvoerbevordering.*

Dag een van Kongres (7 Maart) is die ope sessie waar afgevaardigdes en gaste deel sal vorm van 'n gespreksforum. Graan SA is bevoorreg om mnr Derek Hanekom (Adjunkminister van die Departement Wetenskap en Tegnologie) as hoofspreker te hê om kongresgangers in te lig oor navorsingstegnologie vir voedselsekerheid.

Prof Jonathan Jansen (Vise-kanselier en Rektor van die Universiteit van die Vrystaat) sal die belangrikheid van eenheid en leierskap in landbou bespreek, terwyl mnr Stephen Hanival (Hoofdirekteur: Agro-verwerking, Departement van Handel en Nywerheid) die geleenthede vir agro-verwerking sal verduidelik met die klem op biobrandstof en perskapasiteit vir oliesade.

Gedurende dag twee (8 Maart) word daar op huishoudelike sake gefokus waartydens herkonstituering en wegbreeksessies van die verskillende grane en oliesade hanteer sal word.

Kongres 2012 beloof dus om 'n geleentheid vir alle graanprodusente te bied om beleidsriglyne vir die pad vorentoe te formuleer.

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Grain SA Congress 2012

The past year brought many changes for Grain SA. Certain strategic focus areas were identified and new opportunities for agriculture play an important role in this respect. Hence the theme for Congress 2012: *New opportunities: Import replacement and export promotion.*

Day 1 of Congress will be the open session where delegates and guests will form part of a discussion group. Grain SA is in the fortunate position of having Mr Derek Hanekom (Deputy Minister of the Department of Science and Technology) as main speaker to inform attendees on research technology for food security.

Prof Jonathan Jansen (Vice Chancellor and Rector of the University of the Free State) will discuss the importance of unity and leadership in agriculture, while Mr Stephen Hanival (Chief Director Agro-processing of the Department of Trade and Industry) will explain the opportunities for agro-processing with the focus on bio-fuel and crushing capacity for oil seeds.

On Day 2 (8 March) the focus will be on domestic affairs, with reconstitution and break-away sessions for the various grains and oil seeds being among the matters addressed.

Congress 2012 therefore promises to offer all grain producers an opportunity for the formulation of policy guidelines for the future.

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