

Nation in Conversation

PROGRAMME OF PANEL DISCUSSIONS

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@ NAMPO HARVEST DAY 2019

MONDAY 13 MAY

Media Launch: 18h30 for 19h00 until 21h00



Agriculture – a Global Business – Where does South Africa stand?

Anchor: Roelf Meyer

Discussion Points:

There are multiple new opportunities for local producers to enter the world with their agricultural products, but South African farmers are not always sufficiently equipped to maximise those opportunities. How can this be overcome, and new markets be secured for the SA farming community?

Panel Members:

Francois Strydom – Group CEO, Senwes

Mpumi Mpofu – Director General, DPME

John Purchase – CEO, Agbiz

Lambert Botha – Chairperson, Hilton Lambert, Practitioners of Trade Law

Nick Serfontein – Chairperson, Sernick Group

TUESDAY 14 MAY

Session 1: 10h00 to 11h30



Public Private Partnerships towards Sustainable Economic Growth

Anchor: Nick Binedell

Discussion Points:

Government will commit to remove the inhibitors presented in a five-year Agricultural Sectoral Plan, if the sector commits to the full execution of their plans towards the five themes of growth, employment creation, skills training, investment and transformation.

Panel Members:

John Purchase – CEO, Agbiz

Rudi Dicks – Outcomes Facilitator for Economy and Inclusive Growth, Department of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation

Langa Simela – Business Development Manager, ABSA

Jannie de Villiers – CEO, Grain SA

TUESDAY 14 MAY

Session 2: 14h30 to 16h00



Post-Election Political Perspectives

Anchor: Theo Vorster

Discussion Points:

Confronting the issues influencing agriculture in South Africa head-on in this hard-hitting political debate. How can threats to food security be overcome to ensure a prosperous future and healthy agri-sector?

Panel Members:

Roelf Meyer – Director, In Transformation Initiative
Konanani Liphlatzi – CEO, Fruit South Africa
Theo Venter – Political Analyst, North West University
Chris Burgess – Editor-in-chief, Landbouweekblad

WEDNESDAY 15 MAY

Session 1: 10h00 to 11h30



Supporting and Funding a Developing Agriculture Industry

Anchor: Leona Archary

Discussion Points:

A widely suggested recommendation, as a means to accelerate land and agrarian reform in SA, has been the establishment of an Agrarian Development Agency for the country. Is there a “best practice model” for supporting the transformation of land and agricultural development in SA?

Panel Members:

Malcolm Ferguson – Retired Ambassador and ITI consultant
Peter Setou – Chief Executive, Vumelana Advisory Fund
Aggrey Mahanjana – Group Managing Director, NERPO
Brenda Tlhabane – National Women’s Desk, AFASA; Ministerial Trustee, NAMC
Chris Venter – CEO, AFGRI

Session 2: 12h00 – 13h30



Technology and Funding

Anchor: Theo Vorster

Discussion Points:

South Africa is a trendsetter in the implementation of new technology. Funding plays a critical role. Who are the key role players and how can challenges be overcome?

Panel Members:

Fabio Roverso – Field Product Lead Europe, Climate Corporation
John Hudson – National Head: Agriculture, Nedbank Business Banking
Jacques Taylor – MD Sub-Saharan Africa, John Deere
Jaco Minnaar – Chairperson, Grain SA
Martin van Zyl – Group Executive: Innovation and Integrated Solutions, Senwes

WEDNESDAY 15 MAY

Session 3: 14h30 to 16h00



The role of Communal Land in Agricultural Development

Anchor: Christo van der Rheede

Discussion Points:

Can and should options be explored for communal land to be structured in a way that it can become accessible for commercial farming? Equally important is the question of finding models that will ensure that poverty reduction can be achieved for local communities through the opening of markets for subsistence and small farmers.

Panel Members:

Nkosi Minenkulu Joyi – Traditional leader of Baziya Traditional Council & Royal House Of Joyi
Gloria Serobe – Executive Director, Wiphold; CEO, Wipcapital
John Webber – Director and National Head, Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr's Real Estate
Sinelizwi Fakade – Farmer Development Programme, Grain SA
Dan Kriek – President, Agri SA

THURSDAY 16 MAY

Session 1: 10h00 to 11h30



Reviving the Platteland

Anchor: Chris Burgess

Discussion Points:

Platteland towns in most of the country's provinces are in a state of dramatic economic and infrastructural decline. Is there a role as well as a responsibility for the farming community to help revitalise and restore the viability of these areas?

Panel Members:

Leona Archary – Acting Director-General, DRDLR
Theo Venter – Political Analyst, North West University
Requier Wait – Head: Economics & Trade, Agri SA
Mohammed Bhabha – Director, In Transformation Initiative
Vusi Khanyile – Executive Chairperson, Thebe Investment Corporation

Session 2: 14h30 to 16h00



Water: A Critical Commodity

Anchor: Theo Vorster

Discussion Points:

Water is a critical economic enabler that is in crisis in South Africa for a multitude of reasons. It is a national priority where a thriving economy, as envisioned by the NDP, will ensure dignity and hope for all South Africans, whilst unlocking much needed FDI to recapitalise and industrialise South Africa.

Panel Members:

Francois Strydom – Group CEO, Senwes
Karén Breytenbach – Head of the Department of Energy, Independent Power Producer Office
Fred Platt – CEO, Accéntuate Group of Companies
Benoit le Roy – CEO, Water Shortage South Africa
Mike Sutcliffe – Director, City Insight

FRIDAY 17 MAY

10h00 to 11h30



A Glance into the Future - Opportunities in Agriculture

Anchor: Theo Vorster

Discussion Points:

The positivity and tenacity of key role players in the agri sector play a huge part in its growth and sustainability. Career opportunities in this sector are broadening.

Panel Members:

Lukeshni Chetty – General Manager, SANSOR

Ikageng Maluleke – Agricultural Economist, Grain SA

Siyanda Sishuba – Journalist, Farmer's Weekly

Jacqueline Mathews – Group Manager: Assurance Services, NWK

Pascal Chuene – Agric Business Development Manager, Engen



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