

**NATIONAL MOVEMENT OF RURAL WOMEN**  
**AgriBEE INDABA : 6 -7 DECEMBER 2005**

**PRESENTATION**

Minister of Agriculture, MP, Steering Committee and all protocol observed.

The national movement of Rural Women will like to thank this opportunity that they have been offered by this department. You are the only department that has really committed in consultation because you have thought of the "REAL GRASS ROOTS".

**OWNERSHIP**

Rural women does not own land but they work daily on land. The land is owned by Chief, Councils or Trustees that make it very difficult for the women to do any developments. We don't have title deed for the land we use and we cannot go to the banks to make loans for the development of the land that we don't own. Whenever you want to expand you field you have to consult with the owner. That by itself make things very difficult for Rural Women.

**MANAGEMENT**

Rural Women are now tired of working for somebody we want to be managers not to be managed. We want management skills, financial skills, marketing and also project management skill so as to run our projects profitable.

**INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING**

Agricultural technicians should be built in rural areas for our children to learn nearer home because if these techs are in urban area we lose our children who are taken by urban life never come back home. The only time they will come is when they are fully blown with AIDS and we must now look after them and their children that they come with. We hear that there are SETAS'S that are supposed to be helping farming communities but we cannot access them we even don't know where to find them.

## **OTK, TWK AND CO-ORPS**

These big companies are meant for white communities. They different prices for different people if you ask they say you have to be a member and they want a lot of money for membership so that we cannot afford to pay they are the only places they are nearer us where we can get fertilizers, seeds, and farming equipment.

## **EQUIPMENT**

Rural Women now want to go to bigger business we want to be communcial farmers we want big tractor, planters and silos for the storage of our produce, we want to process our maize to get mieliemeal because it becomes very expensive to transport our produce to miller and we loos on profit.

Thank yoy.