OVERALL THEME: Agricultural commodities – for food security, transformation and prosperity

Registration – 08:00

Opening – 08:30

Welcome – Harry Prinsloo (Chairperson, Agri SA Commodity Chamber)

Introductory remarks – Phenias Gumede (Deputy President Agri SA)

Opening Address – Deputy Minister Bheki Cele (Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries)

Guest speaker – The positioning of agriculture in the current political realm (Nick Vink, University of Stellenbosch)

Refreshments: 11:00 – 11:30

1. **Commodity - government interaction**

To what extent can commodity organisations contribute to the development of new entrants (also Agri-parks) - what is expected from government and vice versa? Commodity organisations will pronounce on the realities, challenges and success stories in their respective domains. The deputy minister will share his views on government perceptions in this regard, also on how to ensure that there is not a trade-off between new farmers entering agriculture and maintaining agricultural productivity.

Facilitator- Omri van Zyl (Agri SA)
2. **Natural disasters and vulnerability of the sector**

What is practically needed to deal with natural disasters in our industry? Is insurance in a drought-prone country possible, should assistance continue on an *ad hoc* basis and if so should it occur within an agreed framework. How do we deal with the current drought, also with respect to water shortages?

Facilitator – Louw Steytler (Grain SA)
Introductory remarks
Agronomy commodity grouping – Walter Visser (SASA)
Animal production grouping – Bishop Mahlangu (NERPO)
Horticulture commodity grouping – Stephanie Midgley (University of Stellenbosch)
Provincial perspective – Sandy La Marque (Kwanalu)
Insurance/Reinsurance – Jutta Drewes (Munich RE)
Panel discussion

Evening function (cocktail) -17:15
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3. Energy matters

The agricultural sector is for a variety of reasons looking into alternative energy sources. Does this meet with the approval of government, on what basis will the sector be supported and under what conditions?

Facilitator – Nicol Jansen (Agri SA Energy Advisor)
Introductory remarks
Solar energy, a case study - Chris Schutte (SONFIN)
Grid tied options – Wolfgang Böhmer (Eskom)
Panel discussion

4. Animal health, SPS and food safety

Do we face capacity constraints to deal with international requirements and demands in relation to animal health, SPS and food safety issues?

Facilitator – Pieter Vervoort (Animal Health Forum)
Introductory remarks
Red Meat Producers Organisation – Pieter Prinsloo, (RPO)
Poultry – Kevin Lovell, (SAPA)
Fruit Industry – Kobus Hartman (Viking)
Panel discussion

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5. **Maintaining international competitiveness**

Penetrating international markets
Understanding trade facilitation and trade relations

Facilitator – André Jooste (ASA)
Introductory remarks
Perspective by Johan van Rooyen (University of Stellenbosch)
Agronomy commodity grouping – Michael Peter (Forestry SA)
Animal production grouping – Louw van Reenen (Beefmaster)
Horticulture commodity grouping – Wiehahn Victor (Canning Fruit Producers Association)
Panel discussion

6. **Institutional dispensation in relation to commodities**

Discussion on the role and function of commodity structures to individually and jointly enhance sustainable agricultural production

Chairman – Harry Prinsloo

Discussion

Conclusion – Johannes Möller, President Agri SA

Lunch 13:30 – 14:00

**Meeting of the Commodity Chamber: 14:00 – 15:00**