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MEDIA ALERT

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SOUTH AFRICA TO HOST THE 3RD AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION WEEK CONFERENCE IN DURBAN

The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) in partnership with the African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (AFAAS) and the South African Society for Agricultural Extension (SASAE) will host an international conference that will bring together extension and advisory services practitioners, farmers, researchers, institutions of higher learning from across Africa under one roof. The conference, a first for South Africa, will be held at Southern Sun Elangeni & Maharani Hotel in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal from 30 October to 3 November 2017.

The countdown to the conference has begun as plenary meetings of the Local Organising Committee (LOC) are already underway.

AFAAS is a continental platform for mutual learning and innovation among agricultural extension and advisory services providers across Africa. The SASAE is a scientific society, which in the interests of its members, is committed to the promotion of science and vocation of agricultural extension, through its members.

The conference will be hosted under the theme: **“Scaling up Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA): integrating youth, women, and the digital revolution”**

AFAAS held its first Extension Week in Gaborone, Botswana in August 2013, with the second Extension Week held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in October 2015.

Details of the conference:

Venue: Southern Sun Elangeni & Maharani Hotel, Durban

Date: 30 October – 3 November 2017

(Media briefing on 30 October at 10:00)

Daily conference start time: 08:30

Registration for the conference is now open.

For RSVP and accreditation to the venue please contact Piwe Mbiko on piwem@daff.gov.za or 072 937 2337.

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