

Nation in Conversation

PROGRAMME OF PANEL DISCUSSIONS

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@ NAMPO HARVEST DAY 2019

MONDAY 13 MAY

Press 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?

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.

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 political debate. How can threats to food security be overcome to ensure a prosperous future and healthy agri-sector?

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?

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?

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.



THURSDAY 16 MAY

Session 1: 10h00 to 11h30



Reviving the Platteland Anchor: Chris Burgess

Discussion Points:

The platteland towns across most of the provinces in the country 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?

Session 2: 14h30 to 16h00



Water: A Critical Commodity Anchor: Theo Vorster

Discussion Points:

Water is a critical economic enabler that is not only in crisis in South Africa for a multitude of reasons, but 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.

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.

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