



AEASA 2016 draft programme 1

LEVSA/AEASA conference 2016

SUPPORTING GROWTH AND TRANSFORMATION IN SOUTH AFRICAN AGRICULTURE

Dates: 14 to 16 September 2016 (arrival morning of 14th September and departure Saturday 17th September 2016)

Venue: Misty Hills Conference venue, Muldersdrift, Gauteng

Draft programme

Wednesday 14th September 2016

9h00: Registration

10h00: Workshops and independent sessions and discussion on pulses.

13h00: Registration continues and light lunch

1st Plenary Session: Chair: Dr Litha Magingxa

14h15: Presidential address: Mrs Bongiswa Matoti

**15h00: Simon Brand Memorial Address: Prof Stephan von Cramon-Taubadel,
University of Göttingen, Germany (Confirmed)**

15h45 – 16:15: Tea / Coffee

**16h15 – 17h30: Plenary session: The role of agricultural and resource economists in
agriculture faced with climate shocks, water stress and resource constraints.**

- An overview of the role and work of environmental economists in an era of climate change. Lessons for the future.
Prof Rashid Hassan (Director CEEPA, University of Pretoria)
- The agricultural economist and research on the economics of water
Dr Gerhard Backeberg (Water Research Commission)

Questions and debate: 30 minutes: Prof Theo Kleynhans (University of Stellenbosch) and Prof Bennie Grove, (University of the Free State)

18:00: Drinks and informal braai evening

Thursday 15th September 2016

08h30 – 10h00: Plenary session: Policy frameworks and funding for agricultural growth

- A review of state expenditure in agriculture: A need to ensure convergence between policy and budget:
Dr Frikkie Liebenberg (University of Pretoria) and Dr Moraka Makhura (Land Bank)
- The performance of agricultural support programmes such as CASP, MAFISA and RECAP
Prof Charles Machethe, University of Pretoria
- Agricultural Policy Action Plan: “old wine in new bottles?”
Elaine Alexander, DDG: DAFF

10h00 – 11h00: Tea/coffee (and Poster session)

11h00 – 13h00: First session of parallel academic and student sessions (4 – 6 sessions of 4 papers):

- Environmental economics I
- Agribusiness management and value chains I
- Agricultural finance and risk management I
- Consumer and behavioural economics I
- Agricultural policy issues I
- Agricultural and rural development and land reform I

13h00 – 14h00: Lunch

14h00 – 15h30: Plenary session: Agricultural economists, agricultural transformation and the NDP: A reflection after 5 years on Chapter 6 of the NDP – job creation, transformation and land reform (Chair: Dr Moraka Makhura)

Speakers in debating format: Mohammad Karaan (US), Ferdi Meyer (UP), Nick Vink (US), Tsakani Ngomane (DPME, Presidency), Thabi Nkosi (PIC), Elaine Alexander (DAFF), Michael Aliber (UFH)

15h30 – 16h00 Tea /coffee

16h00 – 18h30 AEASA AGM

20:00 Networking evening – organised by different chapters (youth, alumni of different universities, agribusinesses)

Friday 16th September 2016

08h30 – 10h00: Agricultural growth requires investment: Who will invest? (A panel discussion) (*Chair: Tinashe Kapuya*)

- Investment opportunities in agriculture
- When and how to investment?
- Types of investment models and who are the investors?
- What are the preconditions for increased investment in agriculture?
- Specialised models for investment in Smallholder agriculture??

Panellists:

- *Russell du Preez, Russell Stone Group*
- *Andrew Makenete, Musa Capital*
- *Cobus Oberholster, BKB*
- *Herman Marais, AgriVie*
- *Norman Celliers, Zeder*
- *Bassie Maisela, NBC holdings*

10h00 – 10h30: Tea and coffee

10h30 – 12h30: Plenary Session: Upgraded contributed papers and posters

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:30: Second session of parallel academic and student sessions (4 – 6 sessions of 4 papers):

- Environmental economics II
- Agribusiness management and value chains II
- Agricultural finance and risk management II
- Consumer and behavioural economics II
- Agricultural policy issues II
- Agricultural and rural development and land reform II

15:30 – 16:00 Tea / Coffee

**16:00 - 17:30 Plenary session: Agro-processing: The silver bullet for agricultural growth?
(Lulama Ndibongo-Traub to facilitate)**

- A roundtable discussion between agricultural economists and representatives of DRLDR, NAMC, AGBiz, and 3 provinces on Agriparks. *The panel has to debate the pros and cons of the agriparks idea based on basic agricultural economic realities and principles*

Panellists:

- *DDG Leona Archary and Chief Director Mr Clinton Heimann (DRDLR),*
- *Andre Louw, (UP)*
- *Thula Mkhabela, (Agribusiness Development Agency)*
- *John Purchase (AGBIZ)*
- *Tediso Molepo (Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Dev) and*
- *Louise de Klerk (Timbali)*

19:30 - 00:00: Gala Dinner and award ceremony

Departure Saturday morning