

SPECIAL PROGRAMME FOR EMERGING FARMERS

Presented by Food For Mzansi & Western Cape P.L.A.S. Farmers' Alliance

Food For Mzansi and the Western Cape P.L.A.S. Farmers' Alliance will host a practical and informative programme focused on the challenges, opportunities and solutions shaping the future of emerging farming in the Western Cape.

The programme brings together farmer representatives, industry experts and specialists to explore some of the issues that matter most to emerging farmers, including the Alliance's role in supporting farmers, access to alternative funding, land reform and title deeds, the future of grain production, labour and other legal matters, and agricultural insurance and risk management.

The session will provide an opportunity for emerging farmers to engage directly with experts, ask practical questions and explore solutions that can help strengthen and grow their farming enterprises.

09:00 to 09:10

Welcome remarks:

- *Ivor Price, Managing Director of Food For Mzansi*



Ivor Price
Managing Director of
Food For Mzansi

09:10 to 09:30

Opening: Introducing the Western Cape P.L.A.S. Farmers' Alliance

- *André Cloete, award-winning farmer from the Overberg*
- *An introduction to the Western Cape P.L.A.S. Farmers' Alliance, its vision and its role in creating opportunities, building partnerships and strengthening support for emerging farmers across the Western Cape.*



André Cloete
Award-winning farmer from
the Overberg

09:30 to 09:50

Alternative funding models for emerging farmers

- *Matthew Musandiwa, Supply Manager at Khula!*
- *Exploring alternative approaches to agricultural finance and funding, and how emerging farmers can access capital and develop more sustainable farming enterprises.*



Matthew Musandiwa
Supply Manager at Khula!

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The future of grain production in South Africa

- *Jeremia Mathebula, vice-chairperson of Grain SA*
- *A look at the opportunities and challenges facing grain producers, and what the future of grain production means for emerging farmers in South Africa.*



Jeremia Mathebula
Vice-chairperson of Grain
SA

10:10 to 10:30

Land reform and title deeds

- *Department of Land Reform and Rural Development*
- *A practical discussion on land reform, title deeds and the importance of secure land tenure for emerging farmers seeking to build sustainable and investable farming businesses.*

10:30 to 10:50

Legal Matters for farmers: Labour and beyond

- *Falon Mars, Mars Rossouw Attorneys INC.*
- *Practical legal guidance on key issues affecting farming businesses, including labour law and workplace disputes, evictions, wills and succession planning, and protecting farmers' businesses, assets and livelihoods.*



Falon Mars
Mars Rossouw Attorneys
INC.

10:50 to 11:10

Agricultural insurance and risk management

- *Mario Ruiters, Senior Risk Advisor at Integrisure*
- *Understanding the role of agricultural insurance in protecting farming enterprises against risk and helping emerging farmers build greater resilience.*



Mario Ruiters
Senior Risk Advisor at
Integrisure

11:10 to 11:30

Interactive Q&A: Practical solutions for emerging farmers

- *An open discussion giving farmers the opportunity to put their questions directly to the speakers and explore practical solutions to challenges they face.*

11:30 to 11:45

Closing remarks and networking

- *Egan Duminy, Chief Operating Officer at LenQua Group*
- *Closing reflections on the programme, the opportunities ahead for emerging farmers and the importance of collaboration in building a stronger agricultural sector.*



Egan Duminy
Chief Operating Officer at
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