

TUESDAY 14 MAY

09:00

The bigger picture: Strategies for resilience and adaptation. /
Die groter prentjie: Strategieë vir veerkragtigheid en aanpassing.

International challenges and trends that impact us locally: Charting the path forward

Agriculture is not a world in and of itself, it is part of the global economy. Join us as we delve into the pressing uncertainties shaping global agriculture and impacting us here in South Africa – climate change & changing weather patterns, geopolitical tensions, global markets, and logistics on macro scale. Our panel will analyse international trends to find the lessons for South African producers and agribusinesses, allowing for proactive rather than reactive strategic thinking, adaption, and resilience.

Anlie Hattingh (Facilitator): eNCA News Anchor

*Panel members:

Johann Kotzé | Corné Louw | Dewald Olivier | Anika de Beer



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WEDNESDAY 15 MAY

09:00

Optimising farmer support services. /
Optimalisering van 'n boer se ondersteuningsdienste.

Behind the scenes: Building a strong back office for farmers

Discover the essential support services that form the backbone of successful farming operations. From financial management to technical assistance and technical integration, our panel will explore the intricacies of a well-equipped farmer's back office and will offer practical insights into optimising support systems for improved productivity and profitability.

Anlie Hattingh (Facilitator): eNCA News Anchor

*Panel members:

Jaco Minnaar | JP Meintjes | AC van Wyk | Francois de Kock | Vikar Sheopershad



Waldimar Pelser

Director of kykNET channels at MultiChoice
Facilitator

13:00

Elections and agriculture: impact and expectations. /
Verkiesings en landbou: impak en verwagtinge.

The ballot box and the farm: Navigating the road ahead

With South Africa poised for an upcoming election in May 2024, join us for a timely discussion on the implications for agriculture and the broader economy. Our panel of experts will analyse how agriculture features in various political party manifestos, potential policy shifts post elections, assess the impact on farmers and rural communities, and explore strategies for navigating political transitions in a dynamic agricultural landscape.

Waldimar Pelser (Facilitator): Director of kykNET channels at MultiChoice

*Panel members:

Wandile Sihlobo | JP Landman | Isaac Matshego | Moeletsi Mbeki



Theo Vorster

Co-founder and CEO of Galileo Capital
Facilitator

THURSDAY 16 MAY

09:00

Collaborative solutions in times of adversity. / Samewerkende oplossings in tye van teëspoed.

Harnessing collective wisdom for resilience

In challenging times, collaboration and innovation are essential for overcoming adversity in agriculture. It is also essential to transformation and collective growth. Join our panel as we explore smart strategies for fostering cooperation, sharing resources, and finding creative solutions to common challenges. From cooperative ventures to knowledge-sharing networks, discover how farmers can and do work together to thrive in an ever-changing landscape.

Theo Vorster (Facilitator): Galileo Capital

***Panel members:**

John Hudson | Ferdi Meyer | Jan Potgieter | Sifiso Ntombela | Tobias Doyer

13:00

Commitment and impact: making a difference in South Africa. / Toewyding en impak: Maak h verskil in Suid-Afrika.

Empowering rural futures: The role of investment in agricultural development

Join us for an insightful exploration of the transformative power of Nation in Conversation and the impact its sponsors have in rural South Africa. This panel discussion will shed light on the crucial role played by sponsors in supporting agricultural initiatives and driving positive change in rural communities. From empowering smallholder farmers to fostering sustainable development, our panellists will share their perspectives on the aims, objectives, and impact of their programmes, showcasing real-world examples of success and innovation.

Theo Vorster (Facilitator): Galileo Capital

***Panel members:**

Desry Lesele | Francois Strydom | Kobus Meintjes | Stephan Gouws | Adnaan Emeran



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NEDBANK DEDICATED SESSION THURSDAY 16 MAY

11:00


NEDBANK

Secondary agriculture: the integral partner in the agricultural value chain

Primary agriculture contributes around 2,5% to South Africa's GDP, but the sector's overall contribution, including the value chain, is substantially higher, contributing 10,3% in 2023. Agriculture's prominent role in the economy stems from its connections to other sectors. These connections include backward linkages with farmers through the purchase of goods such as fertilisers, chemicals and implements, as well as forward connections through the export of primary products, distribution into the food chain, and the supply of raw materials for agro-processing. About 70% of agricultural output serves as intermediate products in the agro-processing sector. Agro-processing, which has been the largest component of the manufacturing sector since the 1970s, has consistently contributed an average third of the total manufacturing output over the past 50 years, and its share has been growing since 2010. Agriculture is therefore a crucial sector and an important growth engine for the rest of the South African economy.

In this panel discussion, we discuss the importance of the agricultural value chain in terms of economic growth, export earnings, food security, job creation, and upliftment of communities. We also explore the challenges secondary agriculture faces, as well as the opportunities it presents, particularly when it comes to increasing resilience and reducing our reliance on imports in the face of increasing geopolitical conflict, and the Just Energy Transition.

Anlie Hattingh (Facilitator): eNCA News Anchor

***Panel members:**

Herman de Kock: Nedbank | Wandile Sihlobo: Agbiz | Francois Strydom: Senwes | Antois van der Westhuizen: John Deere

***Panellists subject to change**

GRAIN SA DEDICATED SESSION FRIDAY 17 MAY

09:00



Affordable agricultural loss in income insurance: Is it possible in South Africa?

Crop insurance forms an important part of the risk management within a farming enterprise. In the global environment various countries have subsidised programmes that assist with crop insurance, and more specific income insurance. In some of the countries as high as 50% of the premiums are subsidised. This provides various opportunities not just in managing risk of income loss, but also more timeously and efficient marketing, better management of legal agreements and a substantial boost in the development arena. Within South Africa there is even a larger need for a programme given our variable climate environment, variable production conditions, need for development progress and reliance on producer sustainability to safeguard food security. Given all the risks, a private commercial product is struggling to be viable in the South African conditions. Thus, what is the possibility and opportunity within the commercial environment, or must it be a public private initiative?

Dr Tobias Doyer (Facilitator)

***Panel members:**

Daniel Stevens: Head of Santam Agri | Pascal Siphugu: MD of Landbank Insurance | Jeremia Mathibula: Grain SA

***Panellists subject to change**

