

**TUESDAY 13 MAY**



09:00

### **STRENGTHENING RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE TO BOOST AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY**

This discussion will explore the need for investment in rural infrastructure, including roads, water systems, and reliable energy sources, which are essential for commercial farms to operate efficiently and remain competitive. In South Africa, the citizenry has taken it upon themselves to address these challenges to remain competitive. This especially includes the agricultural sector where organised agriculture, individual producers and agricultural companies, at their own expense, address infrastructure-related issues. The de facto privatisation will not be stopped, however better alignment and policy adjustments need to be implemented in order to scale these projects.

**Facilitator: Lourensa Eckard**

**\*Panel members:** Moshe Motlohi (Transnet), Theo Boshoff (AgBiz), Marlize Nel-Verwey (Sanral), Dr Hubert Joynt (ISA)

13:00

### **NAVIGATING SOUTH AFRICA'S POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LANDSCAPE IN AGRICULTURE**

This session will focus on the political and economic factors that shape South African agriculture, including new political leadership within South African agriculture which will shape future trade agreements, legislation and the provision of food that is safe to consume. The discussion will consider both the challenges and opportunities presented by these shifts and offer practical approaches for commercial farmers to navigate and adapt.

**Facilitator: Lourensa Eckard**

**\*Panel members:** Wandile Sihlobo (AgBiz), Johann Kotzé (AgriSA), Dr Frans Cronjé (Frans Cronjé Private Clients), Maarten Ackerman (Citadel Chief Economist)

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**WEDNESDAY 14 MAY**



09:00

### IMPLEMENTING SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES TO MEET ESG GOALS

This session will delve into strategies for minimising the environmental footprint of commercial farming, with a focus on water conservation, efficient resource utilisation, regenerative practices, and the role of carbon management in soil health. By integrating these approaches, farms can enhance sustainability, align with evolving environmental standards, and ensure long-term operational resilience.

**Facilitator: Anlie Hattingh**

**\*Panel members:** Prof Danie Jordaan (UP), Herman de Kock (Nedbank), Jolanda Andrag (AgriSA), Kobus van Coller (producer)

11:00

### NEDBANK SPONSOR SESSION GLOBAL TRADE RELATIONS: WHERE TO FROM HERE

In this panel discussion, we will explore and interrogate the topic among panel experts with a view to advising producers and agri-processors – particularly in the grain and livestock sectors given the audience at Nampo – on how to manage the shifting global trade landscape and grow and diversify their export markets.

**Facilitator: Anlie Hattingh**

**\*Panel members:** Shane Naidoo (Global Treasury and Trade Management specialist: NCB)

JP Landman (Political-economic Analyst), Louw Pienaar (Senior Analyst: BFAP), Dewald Olivier (CEO, RMIS)

13:00

### PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE: WHAT'S NEXT FOR COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURE?

This session will bring together industry leaders and key players in the agricultural value chain to share their perspectives on the future of commercial agriculture. Discussions will centre on emerging trends that will shape the sector. The panel will explore how farmers can adapt to changing conditions and leverage new opportunities in a rapidly transforming landscape.

**Facilitator: Anlie Hattingh**

**\*Panel members:** Prof Danie Brink (SU), Dr Tobias Doyer (Grain SA), Johann Kotzé (AgriSA), Prof Ferdi Meyer (BFAP)

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**THURSDAY 15 MAY**



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### **ADOPTING ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES FOR INCREASED EFFICIENCY AND YIELD**

Emerging technologies such as precision farming, IoT, and AI hold significant potential for commercial agriculture, especially when considering a scarcity in resources on dry-land farms. This discussion will focus on how these technologies can optimise resource use, increase yields, and reduce environmental impact, with a focus on the financial viability and scalability of these solutions for commercial farms.

**Facilitator: Anlie Hattingh**

**\*Panel members:** Lafras Cronjé (John Deere), Tracy Davids (BFAP), Mike Ellis (Grain SA), Gideon Rossouw (Nedbank)

11:00

### **UNDERSTANDING THE IMPLICATIONS OF SOUTH AFRICA'S EXPROPRIATION BILL ON AGRICULTURE**

This session will delve into the recently enacted Expropriation Bill in South Africa, examining its potential effects on property rights, land ownership, and the broader agricultural landscape. Discussions will aim to provide clarity on the bill's provisions and its anticipated impact on commercial farming operations.

**Facilitator: Waldimar Pelser**

**\*Panel members:** Dean McPherson (Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure), Jaco Kleynhans (Solidarity), Hermann Pretorius (IRR), Theo Boshoff (AgBiz), Willem de Chavonnes Vrugt (AgriSA)

13:00

### **JOHN DEERE SPONSOR SESSION ENABLEMENT OF CONNECTED MACHINES AND HUMAN CONNECTION**

Join us for a dynamic panel discussion exploring how the power of connected machines and real human connection can transform customer support and operational efficiency. From real-time machine monitoring and early diagnostics to proactive service engagement and expert-driven insights, we'll unpack how an OPS Center and integrated dealer network drive unmatched value. Discover the difference between simply being connected and truly building meaningful connections that elevate performance, service, and relationships. Don't miss this opportunity to see technology and people working together to shape the future of farming.

**Facilitator: Nelius Oosthuizen**

**\*Panel members:** Shaun Schwartz, Gunther Nel, JP Meintjies

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**FRIDAY 16 MAY**



09:00

**GRAIN SA SPONSOR SESSION**  
**NAMPO-TECH: PARTNERING TO BUILD SOUTH AFRICA'S AGRI FUTURE TOGETHER**

South Africa's grain sector depends not only on innovation and markets, but on people—skilled, equipped, and inspired. As farmers become increasingly reliant on precision agriculture technologies to drive productivity and reduce environmental impact, the demand for technically skilled professionals is greater than ever. In this pivotal discussion, the Minister of Agriculture, Mr John Steenhuisen, joins Grain SA to spotlight how partnerships between government, industry, and training institutions can unlock the full potential of agricultural skills development. From industry-integrated technical training to strong employment pipelines, this 30-minute dialogue will set the stage for impactful collaboration. If you're looking to partner, invest, or scale your contribution to agri-skills, this is a conversation for you.

**\*Panel members:** John Steenhuisen, GrainSA Panellists

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