
Agri SA Centres of Excellence (COE's)

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We develop the South African Agricultural Industry.
Ons ontwikkel die Suid-Afrikaanse Landbou Industrie.

Foreword

Agri SA is primarily focused on policy work which is spread across five Centres of Excellence (COE's) being Natural Resources, Economics and Trade, Land, Rural Safety and Labour and Development. The aim of these COE's/centres is to provide the Agri-value chain with bespoke solutions and insights on policy matters and industry developments.

A Policy Work Document will be released every quarter to keep our stakeholders informed about every centres' activities and/or their policy focus areas. This document is a non-exhaustive summary of the work that each COE is currently doing. The quality of the work is largely dependent on the insights and inputs from the Agri SA membership base.

Agri SA would like to thank its membership for their contributions in this regard.

Voorwoord

Agri SA fokus hoofsaaklik op beleidswerk wat versprei is oor vyf Sentrums van Uitnemendheid (SvU's), naamlik Natuurlike Hulpbronne; Ekonomie en Handel; Grond; Landelike Veiligheid; en Arbeid en Ontwikkeling. Die doel van hierdie SvU's is om die Agri-waardeketting te voorsien van toepaslike oplossings en insigte oor beleidsake en industrie verwickelinge.

'n Beleid-werksdokument sal elke kwartaal versprei word om ons belanghebbendes in te lig oor elke sentrum se aktiwiteite en/of beleidsfokusareas. Hierdie dokument is nie 'n volledige opsomming van die werk waarmee elke SvU tans besig is nie. Die gehalte van die werk hang grootliks af van insigte en insette vanaf Agri SA se ledebasis.

Agri SA wil graag sy lede bedank vir hul bydrae in hierdie verband.



Natural Resources

Successful negotiation of raw water tariffs

Agri SA (together with the South African Association of Water Users Associations) successfully participated in the national raw water tariffs negotiations ensuring minimal escalation of water prices for the agricultural industry.

Transfer of water use entitlements

Agri SA participated in the first successful challenge of government's prohibition of temporary water use entitlement transfers.

Shale Gas

Agri SA appealed the granting of environmental authorisation for proposed Rhino Oil & Gas exploration right (2,4 million hectares in North West, Free State, KwaZulu-Natal and Eastern Cape) and will continue with court processes opposing this and other proposed shale gas developments.

Biological control of Invasive Species

Through the Centre for Biological Control at Rhodes University, Agri SA is assisting farmers with trials to manage alien and invasive species (including Prosopis and cactus species) through environmentally sound biological control methods.

Mining and Agriculture

Through its Memorandum of Understanding with the Minerals Council of South Africa, Agri SA is for the first time seeking to advance the position of agriculture in relation of mining in South Africa.

Natuurlike Hulpbronne

Suksesvolle onderhandeling vir rouwatertariewe

Agri SA (tesame met die Suid-Afrikaanse Vereniging van Waterverbruikersverenigings) het suksesvol deelgeneem aan die nasionale rouwatertarief-onderhandelings om 'n minimale verhoging in waterpryse vir die landboubedryf te verseker.

Oordrag van watergebruiksregte

Agri SA het deel geneem aan die eerste suksesvolle bevestiging van die regering se verbod op tydelike oordrag van watergebruiksregte.

Skaliegas

Agri SA het geappelleer teen die toestaan van omgewingsmagtiging vir die voorgestelde Rhino Oil & Gas-eksplorasie (2,4 miljoen hektaar in Noordwes, die Vrystaat, KwaZulu-Natal en Oos-Kaap) en sal voortgaan met hofgedinge om hierdie en ander voorgestelde skaliegas-ontwikkelinge teen te staan.

Biologiese beheer oor indringerspesies

Agri SA, deur die Sentrum vir Biologiese Beheer by Rhodes Universiteit, ondersteun boere in proewe vir die beheer van uitheemse en indringerspesies (insluitende Prosopis- en kaktusspesies) deur middel van omgewingsvriendelike biologiese beheermetodes.

Mynwese en die landbou

Deur middel van sy Memorandum van Verstandhouding met die Mineraleraad van Suid-Afrika, poeg Agri SA vir die eerste keer om die posisie van die landbou teenoor dié van die mynwese in Suid-Afrika te bevorder.

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