



**Western Cape  
Government**

Agriculture

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# **Five priorities for Agriculture: links to water**

**AGRI SA WATER SYMPOSIUM**

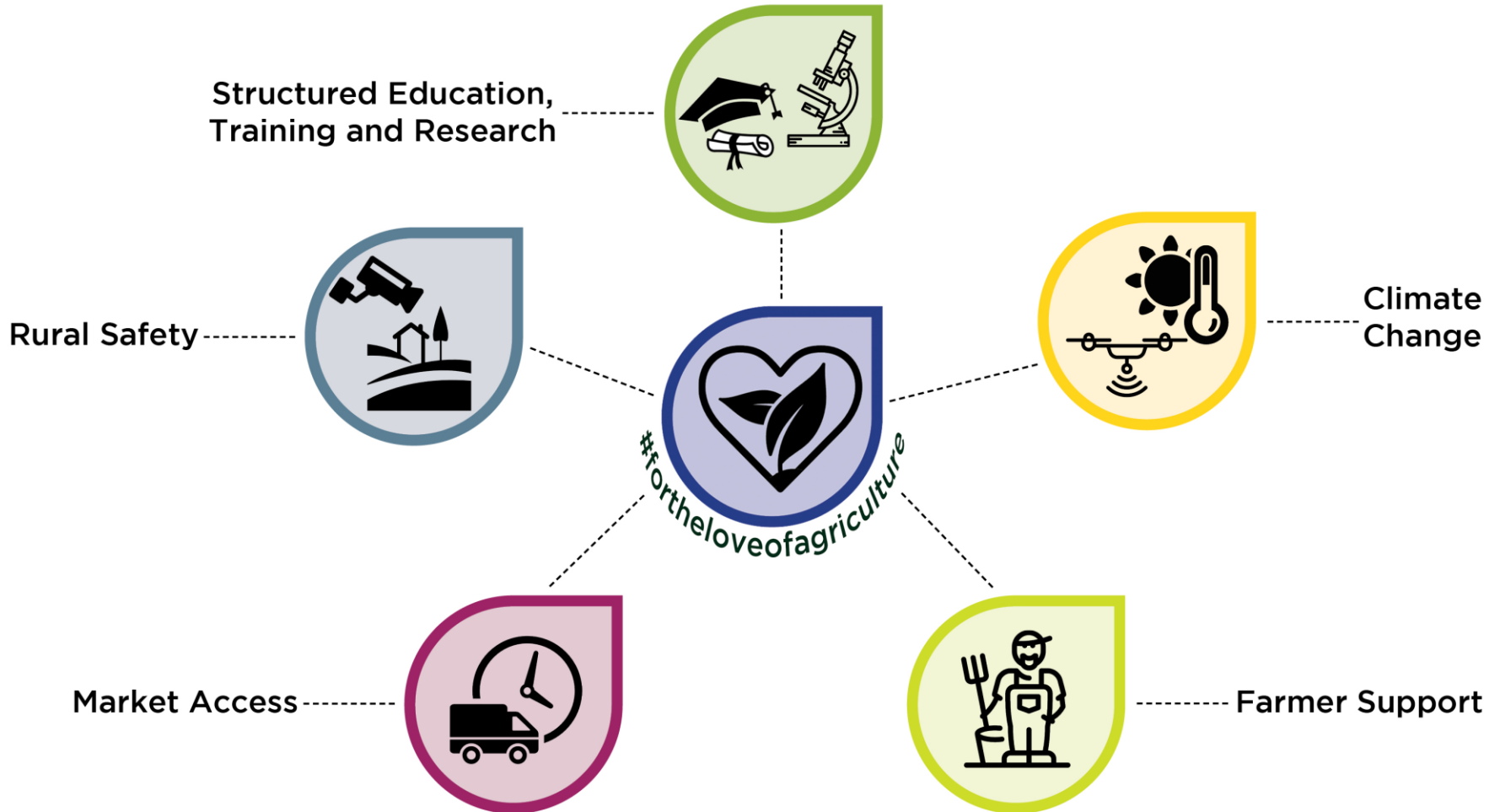
**Agriculture's Water Challenges: Drilling for solutions**

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# Ministerial Priorities



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# Rural Safety

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- **Lack of job opportunities linked to crime**
- **Opportunities for SMME development, e.g. agro-processing**

# Structure Education, Training and Research

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- **Bursaries – scarce skills**
- **Graduate Intern programme**
- **Young professional programme**
- **Candidate Engineer & Engineering Technician Programme**

# Market Access

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- **NDP –agriculture - create 1 million jobs by 2030**
- **Export-led, labour intensive irrigation farming the core**
- **Land reform – 20% transferred by 2030**
- **Green job opportunities, e.g. alien clearing, fencing, biomass removal**
- **Augment water supply, e.g. Leeurivier, Brandvlei, Buffelsjag**

# Farmer Support

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- **Sustainable use of natural resources, e.g. water & soil**
- **Water quality – comply to discharge standards**
- **Water conservation demand management solutions and awareness raising**
- **Efficient and effective water-use farming support solutions**
- **Drought support funding application for fodder support – R146 mil**

# Climate Change: Innovation and Technology

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- **Water-use efficiency: FruitLook**
- **Alien cleaning – increase water yield**
- **Alternative crops, e.g. cherries uses half of the water compared to apples**



**Thank You**