



AFRICA AGRI TECH

CONFERENCE  
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# Animal AgTech

Exploring innovative animal agtech solutions to drive sustainability, efficiency, and animal welfare in agriculture.

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

# DAY 1 18 March

**08:00** Conference Registration

**09:00** Conference Opening



**09:10** Welcoming on Behalf of Host City  
**Dr. Nasiphi Moya** (Tshwane Mayor)



**09:25** **Keynote: Prof. James Blignaut** (ASSET Research: Stellenbosch University and SAEON)  
**Ruminant Production: The Shift to Net Carbon Sink**



**10:00** **Panel Discussion: Solutions Driving National Herd Health**  
How can we improve traceability, biosecurity, and vaccines over the next 5–10 years to boost growth and access new markets?  
**Facilitator:** **Chris Burgess** (Editor in Chief: Landbouweekblad)  
**Panellists:** **Phillip Ootshuizen** (RMIS)  
**Arné Grobbelaar** (Farmer: Glen Aggy Simbras)  
**Dr. Gerhard Neethling** (General Manager: RMAA)

**11:00** Tea Break



**11:30** **Keynote: Dr. Imtiaz Sooliman** (Founder: Gift of the Givers)  
**Food Security for Social Justice**



**12:00** **Keynote: Tom Westphal** (Executive Director: SAMIC)  
**Basson Engelbrecht** (CEO: Reisiger Ventures)  
**Future-Ready Meat: The Digital Revolution**



**12:30** **Keynote: Carlos Vitor Müller** (Agricultural Attaché, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock: Embassy of Brazil)  
**Biosafety: Brazil's Gateway to Global Markets**

**13:00** Lunch Break



**14:00** **Keynote: Brett StClair** (The Rebel Technologist)  
**Revolutionising Farming, with Rebel Technology**



**14:30** **Keynote: Corné Booysen** (Industrial Psychologist & Managing Director: Trending Talent)  
**From Hatch to Hire: How AI and Automation are Reinventing Agri Talent**



**15:00** **Keynote: Riedwaan Bassadien** (Principal Data and AI Specialist: Microsoft South Africa)  
**Beyond Dashboards – How Generative AI is Transforming Agricultural Decision-Making**

**15:30** **AGRITECH CONNECT Networking Session**

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