

## DAY 1 Final Programme Tuesday, 4 July

07:00 – 08:45 Registration  
08:45 Doors open  
09:00 Welcome: Denene Erasmus

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

09:10 – 10:00 **Craig Wing**, futurist and entrepreneur, FutureWorld  
*Now is the time for change*

Introduced by Adv Koos Nel, head of Agri Markets: Old Mutual

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10:10 – 10:30 **Prof Ferdi Meyer**, director, BFAP  
*Mega trends to define agriculture in sub-Saharan Africa in 2055*

Introduced by Marthinus Kotzé, executive director, Combined Resource Optimisation Partners  
**Sponsor: Old Mutual Insure**

10:30 – 11:00 Tea break

### SESSION 1: Preparing for the next drought

Speakers:  
11:00 – 11:20 **Maniki Rakgalakane**, *Future of crop insurance and production financing*  
11:20 – 11:40 **Tony Esmeraldo**, *Seed technology*  
11:40 – 12:00 **Dawie Maree**, *Commercial Producer Financing*

### PANEL DISCUSSION 1

12:00 – 13:00 Moderator: Prof Johan van Rooyen, Dept. Agricultural Economics, Stellenbosch University

Panellists: Dawie Maree, Maniki Rakgalakane, Mike Bosch, Dr Riaan du Preez, Tony Esmeraldo, Kevin Lesser  
**Session sponsor: Land Bank Insurance Company**

13:00 – 13:50 Lunch

14:00 – 14:20 **SESSION 2:  
Building bridges, crossing borders**  
Speaker:  
Dr Shadrack Moephuli, *Role of government in advancing agriculture in Africa*

14:20 – 15:30 **PANEL DISCUSSION 2**  
Moderator: Tshililo Ronald Ramabulana, CEO, USAID Southern Africa Trade and Investment Hub

Panellists:  
Ezra Steenkamp, Jeff Blackbeard, Dr Langa Simela, Dr Shadrack Moephuli, Wessel Jooste  
**Session sponsor: FNB**

15:30 – 16:10 Tea break

### SESSION 3: Invigorating the value chain and logistics

Speaker:  
16:10 – 16:30 **Lucien Jansen**, *New improved technology development for cold chain management*  
16:30 – 16:45 **Manoj Seonath**, *Unlocking agro-processing potential*

16:45 – 17:40 **PANEL DISCUSSION 3**  
Moderator: Wandile Sihlobo, head of agribusiness research, Agbiz

Panellists: Cecilia Khupe, Henri Minnaar, Lindie Stroebel, Lucien Jansen, Manoj Seonath  
**Session sponsor: Industrial Development Corporation**

17:40 – 17:50 Closing summary day 1: Marthinus Kotzé

18:30 – 19:00 **STANDARD BANK GALA DINNER**  
Pre-gala dinner drinks

19:10 – 19:15 MC: Barbra Sehlule Muzata  
19:15 – 19:30 Welcome: Denene Erasmus  
Address: Nico Groenewald

20:00 – 20:20 Guest speaker: Nhlanhla Nene  
20:20 – 20:30 Special announcement: Denene Erasmus

20:30 Dinner

## DAY 2 Final Programme Wednesday, 5 July

07:00 – 08:45 Registration  
08:45 Doors open  
09:00 Welcome: Denene Erasmus

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

09:15 – 10:00 **Pravin Gordhan**, Member of Parliament, and former Minister of Finance  
*Africa's readiness to trade and compete with the rest of the world*

Introduced by Nico Groenewald, head of Standard Bank Agribusiness.  
**Sponsor: Standard Bank**

10:00 – 10:30 Tea break

### SESSION 4: Feeding the world

Speakers:  
10:30 – 10:50 **Dr Klaus Eckstein**, *Improving agri-technology uptake in Africa*  
10:50 – 11:10 **Tanya Havemann**, *Sustainable advancement of farming and agricultural markets in Africa*  
11:10 – 11:30 **Peter Setou**, *The challenges to obtain private investment in agriculture, and land reform future scenarios: where to from here?*

12:00 – 13:30 **PANEL DISCUSSION 4**  
Moderator: Denene Erasmus, editor, *Farmer's Weekly*

Panellists: Aliyu Abbati Abdulhameed, Dr John Purchase, Dr Klaus Eckstein, Nigel Gwynne-Evans, Peter Setou, Tanya Havemann, Dr Theo de Jager, Dr Shadrack Moephuli  
**Session sponsor: Agricultural Research Council**

13:40 – 13:50 Conference summary: Marthinus Kotzé,  
13:50 – 14:00 Closing remarks: Denene Erasmus

14:00 – 15:00 Lunch

14:00 – 17:00 B2B Sessions



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