



**ANNUAL MEETING**

**2025**

**Farming 2.0: Smarter & Greener**

Senate Hall, North-West University (Potchefstroom Campus)

18-20 March 2025

<b>18 March 2025</b>		
<b>'Meet and greet' – Garden Roof (Informal)</b>		
17:30 - 18:00	Arrival and Welcoming	
18:00 - 18:15	Prof. Modise	NWU-Dean Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
18:15 - 18:30	Dr. Litha Magingxa	ARC-CEO
18:30 - 20:00	Light meal	

<b>19 March 2025</b>		
07:00 - 08:00	Registration (coffee and tea)	
<b>SESSION 1 - CHAIR: Prof. Gerhard du Preez</b>		
<b>Subtitle: New technologies / precision farming</b>		
08:00 - 08:10	NWU-Senior Management	Word of welcome
08:10 - 08:20	Mr. Jannie de Villiers	Word of welcome and remembrance for Prof. Bradley Flett
08:20 - 09:00	<b>Keynote speaker:</b> Prof. Wandile Sihlobo	Agricultural Business Chamber of South Africa (Agbiz)
9:00 - 9:15	Prof. George Van Zijl	NWU
9:15 - 9:30	Ms. Ofentse Mathibela	UP
9:30 - 9:45	Prof. Rojanette Coetzee	NWU
9:45 - 10:00	Mr. Arie Van Ravensway	WCDA
10:00 - 10:15	Dr. Henno Havenga (climate research)	NWU
10:15 - 10:30	Dr. Anru Kock	NWU
10:30 - 10:45	Mr. Danie Minaar	BTBITS
10:45-11:15	TEA BREAK	
<b>SESSION 2 - CHAIR: Dr. Marinda Visser</b>		
<b>Subtitle: On-farm research</b>		
11:15 - 11:30	Mr. Ramakgwale Mampholo	DOA
11:30 - 11:45	Mr. Jaco Minnaar	Farmer
11:45 - 12:00	Dr. Henrik Smith	Asset Research
12:00 - 12:15	Dr. Maneshree Jugmohan-Naidu	DSTI
12:15 - 12:30	Mr. Dipepeneng Serage	DOA
12:30 - 13:30	Breakaway session: Dr. Godfrey Kgatle	GSA
13:00 - 14:00	LUNCH	
14:00 - 16:30	NWU Agrihub: Sustainable Crop Production 1 <sup>st</sup> station – Importance of long-term experiments 2 <sup>nd</sup> station – Research in partnership with industry 3 <sup>rd</sup> station – Innovation in remote sensing and mapping 4 <sup>th</sup> station – Pioneering climate-smart agriculture 5 <sup>th</sup> station – Industry partner stands	
18:00	Gala Dinner (Christa Galli)	

**20 March 2025****SESSION 3 - CHAIR: Dr. Kingstone (ARC)****Subtitle: Breeding for the future**

07:30 - 08:00	Coffee and tea	
08:00 - 08:40	<b>Keynote speaker:</b> Dr. Lukeshny Chetty	SANSOR
08:40 - 08:55	Dr. Siphwokuhle Shandu	ARC
08:55 - 09:10	Dr. Willem Botes	SU
09:10 - 09:25	Prof. Adre Minnaar-Ontong	UFS
09:25 - 09:40	Ms Palesa Mmerekhi	ARC
Student Presentations		
09:40 - 09:50	Student (To be confirmed)	ARC
09:50 - 10:00	Student (To be confirmed)	SU
10:00 - 10:10	Student (To be confirmed)	UFS
10:10-10:30	TEA BREAK	
<b>SESSION 4 - CHAIR: Prof. Annemarie Botha (Oberholser)</b>		
<b>Subtitle: Grain research programs (mycotoxins / nematodes / soil health)</b>		
10:30 - 10:45	Dr. Lindy Rose	SU
10:45 - 11:00	Dr. Lisa Rothman	UFS
11:15 - 11:30	Dr. Neriman Yilmaz Visagie	UP
11:30 - 11:45	Dr. Belinda Janse van Rensburg	ARC
11:45 - 12:00	Prof. Gerhard du Preez (Soil health)	NWU
12:00 - 12:15	Dr. Sonia Steenkamp (Nematology)	ARC
12:15 - 12:30	Mrs. Wiana Louw	SAGL
Student Presentations		
12:30 - 12:40	Mr. Kwanele Sabela	UFS
12:40 - 12:50	Ms. Unathi Chabalala	UP
12:50 - 13:00	Ms. Janke De Kock	NWU
13:00 - 14:00	LUNCH	
14:00 - 15:00	Panel Discussion: Dr. Miekie Human and Prof. Cobus Visagie	
15:00 - 15:15	Mr. Jannie de Villiers – closing	
15:30	Board Meeting	Venue: F4-G22