



Pulses and Food Security Discussion Forum

2-3 June 2016
Kempton Park, Gauteng

Programme

Day 1 Morning Session: 09:00-13:00

Item	Topic	Speaker/ Organisation
08:30-09:00	Arrival and registration	
09:00-09:15	Welcome to participants Outline of the purpose of the meeting and its intended outcomes	Ms Jansie Niehaus Executive Director: NSTF
09:15-10:00	Issues of food security in South Africa and FAO's role in eradication of food insecurity and malnutrition	Dr Tobias Takavarasha Country Representative: Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)
10:00-10:30	Policies regarding food security, research and crop science	Mr Mbongiseni Ndimande Deputy Director: Policy Analysis and Development, DAFF
10:30-10:45	Tea	
10:45 -11:15	The role of IKS in enhancing innovation in food security	Ms Mammone Tang Deputy Director: Indigenous Knowledge-Based Technology, DST
11:15-11:45	Research related to food security and crop sciences and drought resistant varieties	Dr Nthabiseng Motete Group Executive: Crop Sciences, ARC
11:45-12:15	Market opportunities and challenges re pulses	Mr Dean Miller Group Marketing Manager: AGT Foods Africa
12:15-12:45	Discussion	
12:45-13:00	Wrap –up for the morning, and direction for afternoon activities	Jansie Niehaus
13:00-13:45	LUNCH	

Day 1 Afternoon Session: 13:45-16:00 Breakaway groups

Track A: Cultivation of pulses

Chair: Mr Kgomoamogodi Petje, Senior Plant Production Specialist (DAFF)

Item	Topic	Speaker/Organisation
13:45-14:15	Capacitating emerging farmers to play an effective role in the food production chain	Mr Wikus Snijman Researcher (ARC-GCI)
14:15-14:45	Agricultural Research Council - Biological Nitrogen Fixation in legumes	Dr IA Hassen Researcher : Plant Protection Research Institute, ARC
14:45-15:15	Current levels of cultivation and types of pulses in SA	Speaker (tbc)
15:15-15:45	Discussion	
15:45-16:00	Recommendations for – further research, assistance to farmers, etc Wrap-up for the day, and notice on panel discussions for next day	

Track B: Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Biodiversity

Chair: Mrs Gaboile Mabeba, Deputy Director (DST – Indigenous Knowledge Systems Unit)

Item	Topic	Speaker
13:45-14:15	Learning about valuable pulses from Indigenous Food Culture	Ms Truida Prekel Innovation Catalyst: SynNovation Solutions
14:15-14:45	Potential development of agro-processed products from indigenous/traditional pulses and vegetables in Sub-Saharan Africa.	Dr Ashwell Ndlhala Researcher: ARC-VOPI
14:45-15:15	Diversity and uses of pulses in South Africa	Dr Joseph Sebola Chief Director: Biosystematics and Collections, SANBI
15:15-15:45	Discussion	
15:45-16:00	Recommendations for – further research and R&D, support for the industry/ies, and preserve biodiversity. Wrap-up for the day, and notice on panel discussions for next day	

Track C: Marketing pulses and products, and education/awareness issues

Chair: Mr Dean Miller, AGT Foods

Item	Topic	Speaker
13:45-14:30	Existing efforts at marketing and raising awareness, including IYP2016 and curriculum	Mr Dean Miller Group Marketing Manager: AGT

	suggestions in education	Foods Africa
14:30-15:00	What opportunities exist to grow markets for pulses and their products?	Mr Chris Kleingeld General Manager: Dry Bean Organisation
15:00-15:30	Trends in selected agricultural prices	Mr Christo Joubert Manager: Market and Economic Research Centre, NAMC
15:30-15:15	Discussion	
15:5-16:00	Recommendations for – creating new markets, gathering data, raising awareness, and opportunities for education about pulses. Wrap-up for the day, and notice on panel discussions for next day	

Day 2 (3 June) 09:00 – 13:00

Item	Topic	Speaker/Organisation
09:00-09:05	Welcome	Chairperson
09:05-09:35	Plenary presentation: Current levels of agro-processing involving pulses in SA and promotion of Agro-processing of pulses as an industry	Ms Unathi Speirs Head of Business Unit: Agro-processing and Agriculture, IDC
09:35-10:05	Plenary presentation: Research on cowpeas and bambara groundnuts	Prof Joseph Asiwe Professor: Plant Breeding, University of Limpopo
10:05-10:20	Q&A	
10:20-11:00	Track A Report-back and panel discussion	
11:00-11:20	Tea	
11:20-12:00	Track B Report-back and panel discussion	
12:00-12:40	Track C Report-back and panel discussion	
12:40-13:00	Wrap up of the meeting. Outline of follow-up actions and responsible parties. Thank you's and closing the conference.	Conference organisers and chairperson
13:00	Lunch and Networking	