

# Programme

## Conference

**Advancing agricultural  
transformation in Africa:  
Capacity strengthening in policy analysis**

**13–14 November 2019**

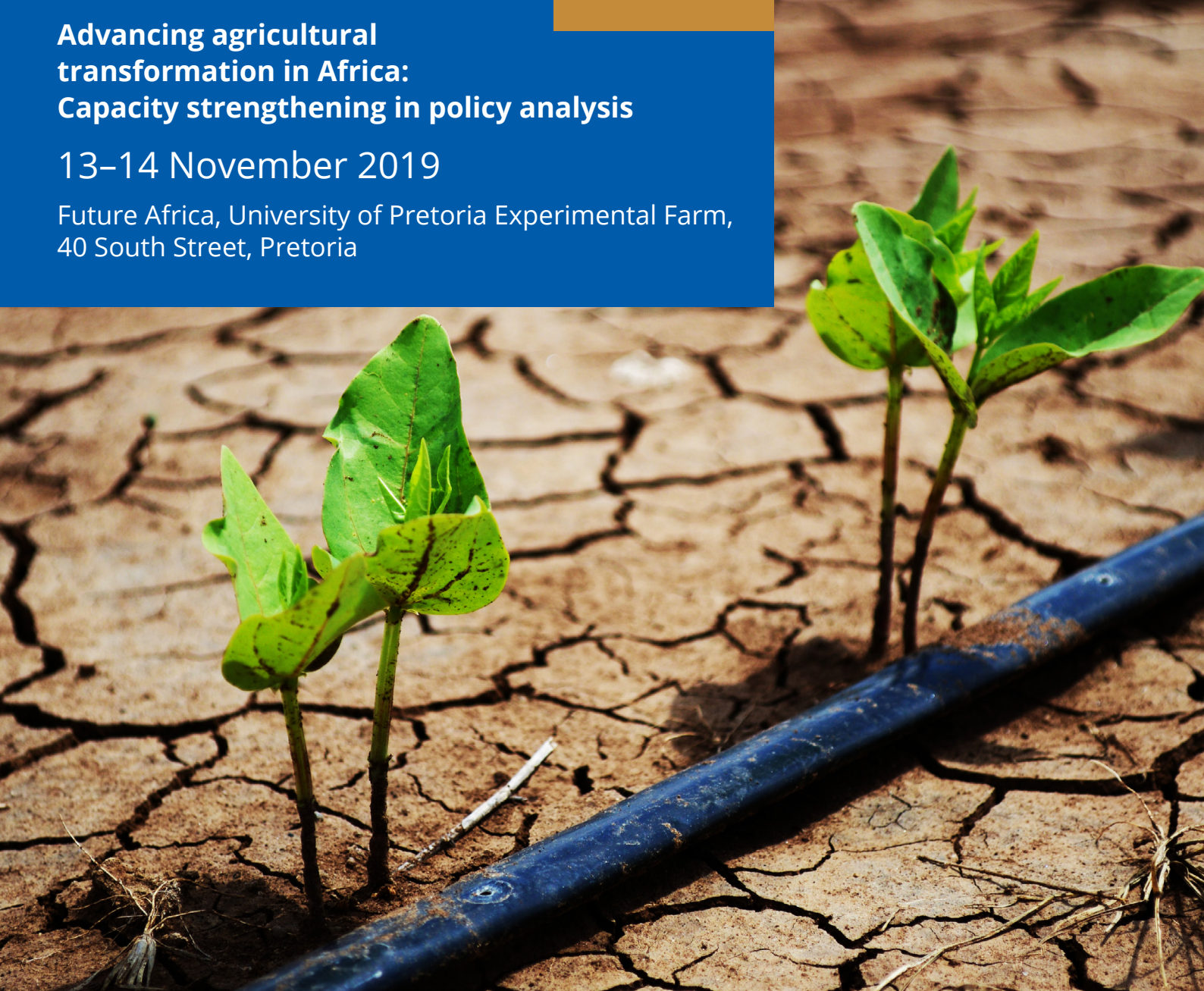
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The Department of Agriculture Economics, Extension and Rural Development at the University of Pretoria warmly welcomes you to the CONFERENCE ON AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION IN AFRICA - CAPACITY STRENGTHENING IN POLICY RESEARCH. We are grateful for the generous grant

provided by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation that enabled both this conference as well as the research and capacity building the conference will profile and share. We appreciate the time you have taken to engage with us on the important topics to be discussed.

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# Wednesday, 13 November

## Session 1: 09:00 – 10:00

### OPENING: Chair: Prof Sheryl Hendriks, Head of Department for Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development

- **Setting the scene:** Prof Barend Erasmus, Dean, Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
- **UP's vision, mission and strategic directions:** Prof Anton Ströh, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Pretoria
- **Overview video:** The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation grant purpose and our achievements

TEA: 10:15 – 11:00

## Session 2: 11:00 – 13:00

### TOPIC: Value chains

Chair: Prof Andre Louw, Department for Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development

#### Plenary:

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| • <b>Setting the scene:</b> What are the key challenges for SA and beyond? Dr Wandile Sihlobo, Senior Economist, AgBiz   | 30 minutes |
| • <b>Overview of the meso study methodology:</b> Prof Tom Reardon, Michigan State University and Extraordinary Professor, Department for Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development         | 10 minutes |
| • <b>Presentations by grantees:</b> Dr Mmatlou Kalaba, Dr Melissa van der Merwe, Dr Danie Jordaan (Department for Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development) – Beef value chain meso study | 15 minutes |
| • <b>Discussant:</b> Prof Jacques H. Trienekens, Department of Social Sciences, Management Studies Group, Wageningen University  | 10 minutes |

#### Breakout: 3 breakaway groups

30 minutes

Groups to discuss:

1. What are the gaps and
2. What can be done with respect to: capacity development, research and policy impact?

LUNCH: 13:00– 14:00

## Session 3: 14:00 – 16:00

### TOPIC: Agricultural transformation & partnerships

Chair: Prof Eric Mungatana, Department for Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development

#### Plenary:

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| • <b>Setting the scene:</b> Prof Njuguna Ndung'u – Executive Director, African Economic Research Consortium (AERC): Capacity needs for evidence-based policy in Africa            | 20 minutes |
| • <b>Presentations by grantees:</b> (15 mins each) followed by Q&A (5 mins each)  |            |
| • Dr Moraka Makhura – Multistakeholder partnerships (Department for Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development)  | 20 minutes |
| • Dr Selma Karuaihe – The SGDs (Department for Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development)   | 20 minutes |
| • Dr Innocent Matshe – AERC and the Collaborative Masters in Applied and Agricultural Economics (Director of Training, AERC)  | 20 minutes |
| • Ms Lulama Traub – ReNAPRI   | 20 minutes |
| • <b>Discussant:</b> Prof Alex Winter-Nelson, Associate Dean, International Programs, College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES), University of Illinois | 10 minutes |

## Session 4: 16:00 – 16:30

**SYNTHESIS OF THE DAY: Chair: Dr Thabo Sacolo, Senior Research Fellow, Eswatini Economic Policy Analysis and Research Centre**

- **Feedback from breakaway groups:** Dr Mmatlou Kalaba, Department for Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development
- **Summary of key messages:** Dr Clarietta Chagwiza, Post Doc Fellow, Department for Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development
- **Close:** Prof Sheryl Hendriks, HoD, Department of Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development

**SOCIAL FUNCTION – COCKTAIL 17:00 – 19:30**

## Thursday, 14 November

## Session 5: 08:30 – 10:30

**TOPIC: Regional dynamics: Trade & Mechanisation**

**Chair: Prof Ferdi Meyer, Bureau for Food and Agricultural Policy/BFAP**

**Plenary:**

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| • <b>Setting the scene:</b> Dr Tinashe Kapuya, BFAP  | 20 minutes |
| • <b>Presentation by grantees:</b> Dr Tracy Davids (BFAP), Mr Divan van der Westhuizen (BFAP), Dr Coletta Gandidzanwa (Department for Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development) | 30 minutes |
| • <b>Discussant:</b> Antois van der Westhuizen, MD John Deere Financial  | 10 minutes |

**Breakout: 3 breakaway groups**

40 minutes

Groups to discuss:

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**TEA: 10:30 – 11:00**

## Session 6: 11:00 – 12:30

**TOPIC: Round table on the future**

**Chair: Prof Rashid Hassan, Department for Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development**

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| • <b>Panel discussion:</b> Dr Petronella Chaminuka (Principal Economist and Senior Manager, Economic Analysis Unit, Agricultural Research Council), Prof Johann Kirsten (Director, Bureau for Economic Research), Mr Winston Makabenyana, Director, Africa Relations, Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development), Prof Ferdi Meyer (BFAP) Ms Keneilwe Nailana (Senior Manager: Agribusiness Insights, Standard Bank) | 40 minutes |
| • <b>Facilitated Plenary Discussion</b>   | 50 minutes |

## Session 7: 12:30 – 13:00

**TOPIC: Closing**

**Chair: Prof Charles Machethe, Department for Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development**

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| • <b>Feedback from breakaway groups:</b> Mrs Ulonka Barnard, Department for Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development | 5 minutes |
| • <b>Summary of key messages:</b> Dr Marlene Louw, Department for Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development           | 5 minutes |
| • <b>Final comments:</b> Prof Barend Erasmus, Dean, Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences                                    | 8 minutes |
| • <b>Vote of thanks:</b> Prof Sheryl Hendriks, HoD, Department of Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development           | 2 minutes |

**LUNCH: 13:00 – 14:00**



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PhD  
graduates

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61% Black  
66% International students

**65**

journal  
papers  
published

**23**

post-  
graduates  
supported



**3**

new  
modules

**9**

visiting  
professors

Boosted staff  
capacity with

**19** experts

**3**

new  
modules

**9**

visiting  
professors

**142**

Collaborative  
masters students  
supported in 2018/9



**4**

permanent  
staff  
recruited

**5**

postdoctoral  
fellows

