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Policy and Legislation

ANC Policy Discussion Document for NGC: Perspectives on Agriculture and the Agro-Food System



In the week that Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) released the 2015 Quarter 2 GDP figures that indicated that the economy as a whole had contracted by 1.3%, and agriculture by a whopping 17.4%, the ANC released [policy discussion documents](#) for its 2015 National General Council (NGC). This document correctly asserts the necessity to assess the "Balance of Forces", both domestic and global, and consequently the role the ANC can play in effecting its much stated "National Democratic

Revolution" and "radical economic transformation" within its sphere of influence. Rural Development, Agriculture and Land Reform are central to this policy discussion. [Read Agbiz media release»](#)

National Treasury releases Strengthening South Africa's Resolution Framework and Policy for Financial Institutions



This past week National Treasury released its Strengthening South Africa's Resolution Framework and Policy for Financial Institutions. The new policy is aimed at increased regulation of the financial sector, which also plays a critical role in the agro-good system of South Africa. Please peruse links for detail.

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Agribusiness Intelligence

South Africa's Big Five: Bold priorities for inclusive growth - McKinsey Global Institute

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The new McKinsey Global Institute report suggests that there are grounds for much greater optimism and that South Africa is well positioned to accelerate growth and job creation and take major steps towards eradicating poverty. The "big five" selected from a much longer list of opportunities are creating a globally competitive hub in advanced manufacturing; making infrastructure investment more productive to enable growth across the economy; harnessing natural gas for power generation and industrial development; boosting exports of services to the rest of Africa and the world; and unlocking South Africa's full agricultural production and processing potential. Click [here](#) to peruse the report.

Opportunities in the green economy - The dti/NBI stakeholder engagement



Department of Trade and Industry (*the dti*) wants to engage with companies on investment opportunities in the green economy sector, said director of the dti's Investment Promotion Green Economy Division, Mrs Annelize van der Merwe at a green economy stakeholder engagement event hosted by *the dti* and the National Business Initiative (NBI) on the 27th of August in Sandton. The Investment Promotion Green

Economy Division specifically focuses on renewable energy, industrial companies, mining houses and large manufacturers in the automotive industry that are looking for innovative solutions to reduce their reliance on the national grid. This division is looking for companies with an interest in installing Photovoltaics (PV), rooftop PV and energy storage solutions. Click to [read more](#) and to [download the presentation](#).

Manufacturing sector now in a recession

The food and beverages sector that has the largest weight in the manufacturing sector by output volume, accounting for 24%, has fallen 0.6% consecutively in May and June. [Read more»](#)

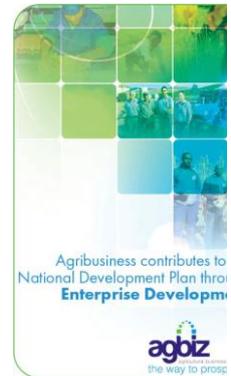
International Trade and Investment

Suid-Afrika se graanuitvoere: Bydrae tot uitvoergroei en bronne van die bedryf se uitbreiding



Suid-Afrika se oorkoepelende landbou-uitvoere het oor die afgelope dekade volhoubaar gegroei. In nominale terme het die totale landbou-uitvoere tussen 2009 en 2014 met 118% gegroei - vanaf R47 miljard tot R106 miljard.

Watter produkte het hierdie groei gedryf?



Groenteprodukte en plantmateriaal het die afgelope ses jaar 'n groot bydrae gelewer en was verantwoordelik vir 36% van die groei wat ons in landbou-uitvoere gesien het. Ander produkkategorieë sluit eetbare groente en knolle (5,2%), kakaopreparate (5%), suiwel- en eetbare diereprodukte (4,6%) in. [Lees verder»](#)

Stats and Figures

Grain & Oilseeds Supply and Demand Report for South Africa

Find [linked](#) the latest Grain & Oilseeds Supply and Demand Report for South Africa.

NAMC - Food Price Monitoring

Click to download the NAMC's [Food Price Monitoring](#) for August 2015.

Members' News

GWK and Landbouweekblad named Dr John Purchase of Agbiz as 'Industry Role Player of the Year'



Dr John Purchase of Agbiz was named 'Industry Role Player of the Year' by GWK and Landbouweekblad at a gala event in Kimberley during which several agricultural co-workers, producers and GWK personnel were awarded with GWK Icon awards.

Picture from left to right: GWK general managers, Messrs Wim van Rooyen (auctions, meat and supermarkets), Llewellyn Brooks (special products), Dr John Purchase (Agbiz), Tom Meintjes (grain products) en Mark du Plessis (retail).

GWK launches new logo



GWK has recently launched a new trademark in its approach to stay on the forefront as innovative producer organisation. Mr Neil de Klerk (Executive manager: Corporate Marketing), said the change came after GWK listened to exceptions of share holders, clients and other interest groups. "Our producers never stop discovering new methods and technology - This is what drives them. At GWK we do the same - we innovate, discover and as company we are devoted to feed those who feed the world."

Market volatility in perspective - Old Mutual

Financial markets are currently experiencing high volatility. We've seen some concern due to the negative sentiment and an increase in sell-offs on global markets over the past few days. The rand plunged to historical lows against the US dollar and emerging markets exposed to China have experienced

falling markets. Old Mutual Investment Group views this current downturn in global markets as a correction rather than the beginning of a bear market. [Read more»](#)

Wine industry launches plant production programme

The Plant Production Learnership program, a first for the wine industry, was recently launched with a group of 12 students. It is funded by the wine industry representative organisation, VinPro, and AgriSeta, and presented by Skills Fusion.

"The empowerment and development of individuals in the South African wine industry is a priority and this is therefore a great training opportunity in the industry," said Kachné Ross, VinPro viticulturist and training officer. This qualification serves as a foundation for students to broaden their knowledge in the field of plant production and may lead to further specialisation. [Read more»](#)

NAMC - Current Maize Situation

[Media release](#) on the current maize situation and price increases on maize meal.

Land Bank Annual Report FY2015

Click to download [combined presentations](#) done at the launch of Land Bank's Annual Report FY2015 last week.

Industry News

Small-scale fisheries expression of interest and a need for South African identification document

The [linked](#) statement seeks to highlight important information in preparation for the verification of small-scale fishers in fishing communities by explaining the expression of interest process and the need for individuals to have a South African identity document.

2015 National Arbor Week

Find [linked](#) Minister Zokwana's speech at the 2015 Arbor Week National launch event.

Find [linked](#) DAFF's press release on 2015 National Arbor Week.

Promotion and Protection of Investment Bill is in Line With Global Trends

The Promotion and Protection of Investment Bill affirms the country's sovereign right to regulate in the public interest and pursue its broad transformational agenda. This is according to the Deputy Director-General of International Trade at the Department of Trade and Industry (the dti), Ms Xolelwa Mlumbi-Peter. She was presenting the Bill to the Portfolio Committee on Trade and Industry and the Select Committee on Trade and International Relations in Parliament, Cape Town on Tuesday. [Media release»](#)

News around the web

[Companies lagging in transformation, says BMF](#)

- www.BDlive.co.za

[SA not yet on brink of recession, says Moody's](#)

- www.BDlive.co.za

[COP21 meeting - SAs contributions document framed by National Development Plan and National Climate Change Response](#)

- www.BDlive.co.za

[Italy and SA teams up for a healthier agriculture sector](#)

- www.bizcommunity.com

[South African citrus group enjoys positive U.S. export season](#)

- www.freshfruitportal.com

[How severe are the effects of job losses from the financial crisis?](#)

- www.agenda.weforum.org

[How Africa can show the world the way to a low-carbon future: 10 Facts, 10 Actions](#)

- www.africaprogresspanel.org

[These states hit hardest by falling farm prices](#)

- www.cnbc.com

Newsletters and Publications

[Africa rising: Shifting towards sustainable development](#)

- *Bridges Africa Trade and Development News and Analysis on Africa*

[MASDT Mobile Agri Skills Development and Training](#)

[News from Timbali Technology Incubator](#)

Upcoming Events

SAAFoST Food Science and Technology Congress and Exhibition

6 - 9 September 2015 | Elangeni Maharani Hotel, Durban

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AMT Agri Outlook 2015

29 September 2015 | CSIR Convention Centre | Pretoria

[More information](#)

International Exhibition For Animal Production (SPACE) in France

15-18 September 2015 | Bretagne, RENNES-FRANCE

[More information](#)

Agri Mega Week Expo

16 - 19 September 2015 | Mega Park | Bredasdorp

[More information](#)

Harvard Business School Agribusiness Seminar - Africa

27-30 September 2015 | Cape Town

[More information](#)

Annual Conference of the Agricultural Economics Association of South Africa (AEASA)

30 September - 2 October 2015 | Vrededorf Dome | North West Province

Information: www.aeasa.org.za | Inquiries: AEASA2015@nwu.ac.za

International Renewable Energy Conference

4 - 7 October 2015 | Cape Town International Convention Centre | Cape Town

[More information](#)

Landbouweekblad Konferensie - Oplossings vir landbou

5 - 6 October 2015 | Bloemfontein

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Undercover Farming Conference - Western Cape 2015

13-14 October 2015 | Stellenbosch

[Enquiries](#)

AFMA Annual Symposium

14 October 2015 | CSIR Convention Centre | Pretoria

[Enquiries](#)

Poultry Buzz

21 - 22 October 2015 | Pretoria

[Enquiries](#)

Agri Cape Week

28 - 31 October 2015 | Worcester

[Enquiries](#)

SITEVI Show and Tour to Montpellier

23-27 November 2015 | Montpellier | South of France

Focus on Wine, fruit, vegetables, and visits to wine farms

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EMRC Africa Finance & Investment Forum - AFIF2015

24-26 November 2015 | Cape Town

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Global Forum for Innovations in Agriculture

1 - 2 December 2015 | Durban

Enabling Africa to feed Africa

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