



Newsletter

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Policy and Legislation

Agbiz leads on Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) in LCTPi Meeting



The National Business Initiative (NBI), as a partner of the World Business Council on Sustainable Development (WBCSD), hosted a regional Low Carbon Technology Partnership Initiative (LCTPi) Meeting in Johannesburg this past week. It is a strategy of the NBI to drive a conversation about a

transition to an economy that meets the needs of society and the environment. In this process it is critical that business develop and implement solutions at scale and that drive positive change. With COP21 in Paris at the end of the year being one of the more realistic chances at a global deal, climate change is a critical part of this conversation. LCTPi is a process being run and managed by the WBCSD and the objective of the session was to build on previous work to identify key low-carbon technology solutions and innovative means for their deployment at scale in South Africa and the region. Six major themes were identified to workshop, one of which was Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA). Agbiz was invited to set the scene for the CSA discussion with the opening presentation, entitled "Reaching Maximum CSA Potential: The National Context". Please click on [presentation](#) to peruse.

LCTPi is a collaborative platform that brings together WBCSD's Action2020 Business Solutions, SDSN's Deep Decarbonisation Pathways and IEA's Technology Roadmaps to:

- Accelerate the diffusion of existing technologies by removing technological, market and social barriers and introducing required policy and financial instruments
- Develop Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) on the Research, Development, Demonstration and Deployment (RDD&D) of potentially game changing new technologies.

The LCTPi also aims to present a series of concrete action plans at COP21 for the large-scale development and deployment of low-carbon technologies. Similar to the NBI philosophy LCTPi believe we need to create solid

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frameworks for low-carbon investment through a strengthened dialogue between business and government. Scaling up these solutions will also unlock economic growth and build trust between businesses and government.

Agbiz meets with USDA on AGOA



The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) regional Minister Counselor for Agricultural Affairs in Pretoria, Eric Wenberg, briefed Agbiz and members on the status of bilateral negotiations on U.S. market access and the ongoing review of South Africa's future participation in the African Growth and

Opportunity Act (AGOA) this week. [Read more»](#)

Please click on [USDA's Review](#) about the trade gains each country could gain by working together.

Opening address by Agbiz at AVCASA 2015 Congress



Dr John Purchase, CEO of Agbiz, was invited to deliver the opening address at the AVCASA 2015 Congress this past week. Please click on "[Priority Themes in South African Agricultural Policy and Legislation](#)" to peruse

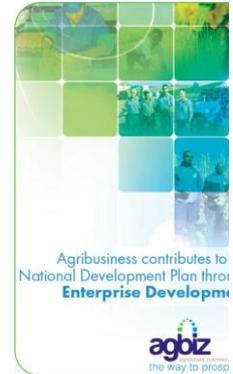
Road Traffic Legislation Update



The Department of Transport and the South African National Roads Agency (SANRAL) have published draft regulations and notices relating to the toll roads for comment.

There is a memorandum on page 68 of the gazette explaining the various draft regulations and notices covered by the gazette. Comments may be submitted until 26 September 2015.

The gazette may be downloaded from the Government Printer's website at www.gpwonline.co.za. The gazette number is 39130 and was published on 27 August 2015.



The Department of Transport also published a correction notice to the draft amendments to the National Road Traffic Regulations relating to regulations 25 and 32A and B that were published on 17 July 2015. The draft amendment to regulation 25(7) was deleted. The gazette number is 39129 and it was published on 27 August 2015.

- Alta Swanepoel & Associates CC

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Land Bank Insights

[Macro-economic insight week 24»](#)

[AgriMarket Insight 31 Aug 2015»](#)

[Agri-business Insight Aug 2015»](#)

[Policy Insight 2015»](#)

International Trade and Investment

Plans to establish a continental agricultural chamber gaining traction



Since the first African Union (AU) Agribusiness Forum in June 2014, the lack of a cohesive agricultural sector voice to foster Africa's agriculture transformation agenda was acknowledged. Since then, discussions have been centred around how to create a continental chamber that represents farmer and private sector interests, at the highest level. One fundamental challenge that has faced agriculture till now has been how to organise smallholder agriculture - both farmers and agribusinesses - and have their voices projected in a manner that influences the continent's policy direction towards a more sustainable growth path. As such, a study was undertaken to review and profile the existing agricultural and agribusiness chambers in Africa, with a view to assess strength of existing representation across the continent. The outcome of this stock-take exercise was presented at the second AU Agribusiness Forum held in Kigali, Rwanda in June 2015 by the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD). Find linked the [presentation](#) and [study](#).

SA identified as the top investment destination for British firms looking to expand in Africa

SA has been identified as the top investment destination for British firms looking to expand on the continent, according to the Barclays Africa Trade Index. [Click to peruse the report»](#)

Members' News

OVK invests in fertiliser mixing-plant

OVK, as part of its expansion initiative, initiated the construction of a fertiliser plant of R20million, jointly with its producers, at Bethlehem. [Media release»](#)

Agri Mega Week 2015 launched at KWV in Paarl

Guest speaker at the launch of Agri Mega Week 2015, Western Cape Minister of Economic Opportunities, Alan Winde, confirmed the importance of this international showcase of the latest technology and trends in agriculture, since agriculture remains an imperative contributor towards economic growth in the Western Cape and the Overberg. [Media release»](#)

Winner of the TV series, Koekedor, rolls up her sleeves for GWK

Winner of the Koekedor TV series, Mareli Visser, is now assisting GWK in creating cookie recipes for their new wheat mill, cookie and pasta factory in Modderivier. Click [here](#) to read the full article published by NETWERK24 [Afrikaans].

Phil takes transformation forward - VinPro



Phil Bowes joined VinPro on 1 September as manager: transformation and development. He was previously the transformation manager at the table grape organisation SATI. His qualifications include a Diploma in Agricultural Management Practice from the Central University of Technology in Bloemfontein, and an MBA from the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University in Port Elizabeth. Based in South Africa, he was also previously involved with the US food company and cooperative, Land O'Lakes, in implementing initiatives funded by the US government.

Industry News

Wheat and maize products information - SAGIS

On 4 September 2015, SAGIS (South African Grain Information Service) has reached yet another milestone with the publication of wheat and maize products information. [Press release»](#)

World gathers for the 14th World Forestry Congress

The Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Mr Senzeni Zokwana officially opened the XIV World Forestry Congress. [Media release»](#)

[World has lost SA-sized forest area in 25 years, says UN food body](#)

- www.BDlive.co.za

Foot and mouth disease

DAFF has noted with concern reports of the foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) outbreak in Zimbabwe.. [Media release»](#)

PMA Fresh Connections: Southern Africa

The fifth PMA Fresh Connections: Southern Africa Conference & Expo, held Aug. 12 and 13 at the Cape Town International Convention Centre, was a resounding success attracting more than 500 delegates from 12 countries. This was a 35 percent increase over 2014 attendance, and included an even more diverse audience from across the fresh produce supply chain. All sectors of the industry had increased participation, especially retailers, growers and logistics companies. Click to peruse the [presentations»](#)

News around the web

[US tariff threat as dispute drags on](#)

- www.bdlive.co.za

[Forestry Congress puts spotlight on sustainable innovations](#)

- www.sabc.co.za

[How will we fill 9 billion bowls by 2050?](#)

- *Thomson Reuters*

[Very good export season for the Western Cape Citrus growers](#)

- www.freshfruitportal.com

[SA is top pick for UK's investors](#)

- www.bdlive.co.za

Newsletters and Publications

[Bridges Africa](#)

Trade and Sustainable Development News and Analysis on Africa

[The Inclusive Growth and Development Report 2015](#)

- World Economic Forum

[Southern Africa Shippers Transport and Logistics Council](#)

Latest on the following:

- SANRAL: Draft Regulations and Notices on e-Tolling.
- SARS - Customs Modernisation Implementation Landscape.
- Border Management Agency Bill.

Upcoming Events

AMT Agri Outlook 2015

29 September 2015 | CSIR Convention Centre | Pretoria

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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 | Vredefort Dome | North West Province

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

Labour and Employment seminar invitation

1 October 2015 | Sandton

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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

[More information](#)

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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