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Policy and Legislation

Minister Gordhan meets with Nedlac on Local Government Service Delivery



Minister Pravin Gordhan met with Nedlac on 28 September 2015 to discuss the progress that COGTA has made, but also the challenges it is facing and experiencing, with service delivery at local government level across South Africa. The minister also recognised the input of Agbiz with its survey of service delivery problems in the rural municipalities. This is borne out by the minister's own presentation that indicates that the rural municipalities are largely underperforming, putting agribusiness in the rural areas at considerable risk. Business also highlighted this risk to the minister in its response to the minister's presentation. All agreed that greater co-operation was essential to get local government service delivery up to an acceptable standard. Please click on [Minister Gordhan's presentation](#) to peruse.

Agribusiness Intelligence

WEF releases 2015/16 Global Competitiveness Report



The World Economic Forum (WEF) released its 2015/2016 Global Competitiveness Report this week. South Africa has improved its relative ranking position from 56 to 49, out of over 140 countries assessed. This reverses a trend over the past couple of years which saw South Africa gradually moving down in its relative ranking position. Agbiz welcomes this improvement, but of more importance is that we in South Africa need to address especially those matters, highlighted so succinctly in the South African Chapter of the Report, to improve our general competitiveness. Only then will we be able to address key challenges of corruption, poverty, unemployment and inequality, and achieve real economic freedom for all South Africans. [Open report»](#)

Africa Progress Report 2015 released

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The Africa Progress Report (APR) is the annual flagship publication of the Africa Progress Panel. The APR draws on the best research and analysis available on Africa and compiles it in a refreshing and balanced manner. The Africa Progress Report 2015 explains the bold steps that leaders globally and in Africa must take to achieve this vision. Above all, the report shows that the global climate moment is also Africa's moment - Africa's moment to lead the world. The central message of this report is: Africa is well placed to be part of that leadership.

Some African countries are already leading the world in low-carbon, climate-resilient development. They are boosting economic growth, expanding opportunity and reducing poverty, particularly through agriculture. African nations do not have to lock into developing high-carbon old technologies; we can expand our power generation and achieve universal access to energy by leapfrogging into new technologies that are transforming energy systems across the world. Africa stands to gain from developing low-carbon energy, and the world stands to gain from Africa avoiding the high-carbon pathway followed by today's rich world and emerging markets. [Click to open report»](#)

Africa Agriculture Status Report 2015: Youth in agriculture



On 25-27 September the United Nations held a summit at which the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and their associated targets for the next fifteen years were adopted. The first three SDGs are to end poverty in all its forms everywhere; to end hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture; and to ensure

healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all at all ages. To achieve these Goals in Africa requires the collective and all-inclusive effort of all stakeholders on the continent, regardless of which side of the demographic divide they represent. [Read more»](#)

International Trade Intelligence

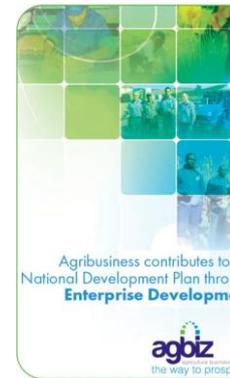
South Africa's commercial and seed potato exports: Identifying potential market opportunities in Africa



South Africa is the second largest exporter of both potato and potato seed in Africa, accumulating over R2 billion in export revenues over the past five years, according to Tinashe Kapuya (Agbiz) and Wandile Sihlobo (Grain SA). Overall, South Africa's potato and potato seed exports reached a record R583 million in 2014, up 33% from R438 million in

2013. [Read full article»](#)

Also available to download is the [PowerPoint presentation](#) done this week by Tinashe Kapuya of Agbiz at the Seed Potato Growers Forum in Milnerton, Cape Town.



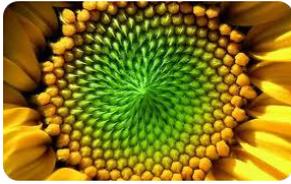
The world's most influential event for sustainable agriculture is coming to Africa



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Durban Exhibition Centre, South Africa

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The significance of China in grain and oilseed global markets



China continues to be an important player in the grain markets, particularly when referring to demand. The country is the second largest cereal (grain) importer, accounting for 6% of the global traded cereals in 2014. Moreover, China is also a leading importer of oilseeds, accounting for 42% of the global traded oilseeds in 2014. [Read full article»](#)

Members News

South African Fruit Trade Flow - Sept 2015

The NAMC's [SA Fruit Trade Flow](#) includes the following:



Overview of the citrus fruit season 2014/2015

- Global citrus production season 2014/2015
- Global Citrus Trade
- South Africa's citrus exports
- Domestic sales

Overview of the dried fruit season: 2014/2015

- Dried grapes global production and trade
- Preview of the South African dried season

SRCC Transformation Times

Attached is the first edition of "SRCC's Transformation Times" a newsletter produced by Sundays River Citrus Company (SRCC) to communicate to all relevant stakeholders the progress and status regarding the transformation and land reform efforts within their organisation. Since there is much happening in this part of SRCC's business they intend publishing this newsletter on a quarterly basis to ensure that all relevant stakeholders are kept up to date on our developments within this important sphere of our business. [Click to download the newsletter»](#)

Industry News

Final production estimate for summer crops for 2015



The final production estimate for summer crops for 2015 was released this week by the crop estimates committee. The size of the expected commercial maize crop was adjusted upwards by 103 150 tons to 9,942 million tons, against the previous forecast. The area estimate for maize remained unchanged at 2,653 million ha, while the expected yield is 3,75 t/ha. [Media release»](#)

Crop protection regulation protects humans and the environment



CropLife International has released its [Policy Perspective on Endocrine Disruptors](#) which demonstrates that current crop protection product regulations ensure high levels of protection for human health and the environment. This includes regulatory testing for endocrine-mediated effects that are scientifically strong and sufficient to support regulatory decision-making. The report has been released as the crop protection industry takes part in the fourth session of the International Conference on Chemicals Management in Geneva. [Read more»](#)

Tutwa Consulting Newsletter

This month Tutwa Consulting takes a look at the international organisation dealing with global trade rules, the WTO, and the effects of the divides between its member states. This is the subject of a new report by the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on the Global Trade and FDI system. [Read more»](#)

News around the web

[How Do We Tackle Cross-border Trade Barriers in Africa?](#)

- www.blog.kpmgafrica.com

[International Threats: What's the world most scared of?](#)

- www.agenda.weforum.org

[Role of agribusiness and opportunities for young Africans](#)

- www.africatimes.com

[10 Apps that will boost agriculture in Africa](#)

- www.venturesafrica.com

[An architectural firm is proposing the construction of the world's first droneport to deliver medical and other supplies to remote areas in Rwanda](#)
www.enca.com

Upcoming Events

International Renewable Energy Conference

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

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Landbouweekblad Konferensie - Oplossings vir landbou

5 - 6 October 2015 | Bloemfontein

[More information](#)

Agbiz Insurance Workshop

8 October 2015 | Pretoria

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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](#)

Road Transport Management System workshop

14 October 2015 | Durban

[More information](#)

GCCA South Africa Cold Chain Summit

18 - 19 October 2015 | Cape Town

[More information](#)

Poultry Buzz

21 - 22 October 2015 | Pretoria

[Registration form and programme](#)

Agri Cape Week

28 - 31 October 2015 | Worcester

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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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Agro-processing Africa Summit

26 - 27 November 2015 | Randburg

[Summit brochure](#)

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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IFAMA 26th Annual World Conference

19 - 23 June 2016 | Denmark

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