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## Newsletter

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### Agribusiness Centenary Bursary applications now open

Agbiz is making an annual bursary available to a South African student registered for a Masters or PhD degree in either agricultural economics or agribusiness management related fields, at any recognised South African university. [More information»](#)

### Policy and Legislation

#### Minister Rob Davies chairs NEDLAC TIC Strategic Session



Minister of Trade and Industry, Minister Rob Davies, chaired the annual Strategic Session of the NEDLAC Trade & Industry Chamber on the 2nd of November 2015. The main agenda items centred on:

- \* Overview of Industrial Policy Action Plan (IPAP)
- \* Government's 9-Point Plan
- \* General Status Report on Trade, delivered by Minister Davies

Presentations were made by Government, Business and Labour constituencies on IPAP and the 9-Point Plan. Please click the following links for further

information:

- \* [Government IPAP presentation»](#)
- \* [BUSA IPAP presentation»](#)
- \* [Government 9-Point Plan presentation»](#)
- \* [BUSA 9-Point Plan presentation»](#)
- \* [Minister presentation on Trade»](#) and
- \* [Agbiz engagement with Minister Davies on Trade»](#)

#### Carbon Tax Bill released by National Treasury



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This week the long-awaited Carbon Tax Bill was released for comment by National Treasury (NT). Cabinet approved the publication of the Bill and noted that the carbon tax forms an integral part of the system for implementing government policy on climate change as outlined in the 2011 National Climate Change Response Policy (NCCRP) and the National Development Plan. South Africa has committed to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions below business as usual by 34% by 2020 and 42% by 2025, as outlined in South Africa's Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) recently submitted to the United Nations for the upcoming Conference of Parties (COP) 21 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Paris. The carbon tax seeks to price carbon by obliging the polluter to internalise the external costs of emitting carbon, and contribute towards addressing the harm caused by such pollution. The Draft Carbon Tax Bill marks the next step in the consultation process conducted over the past 5 years, starting with the 2010 discussion paper on carbon tax, the 2013 Carbon Tax Policy Paper and the 2014 Carbon Offsets Paper. It takes into account comments received in writing, and from meetings and workshops, from a wide range of stakeholders, including business, NGOs, academia, civil society and labour. Please click on [Carbon Tax Bill](#), [Draft Explanatory Memorandum on Bill](#), and [Media Statement](#) for perusal.

## Agbiz CEO addresses Sub-Tropical Fruit Symposium on Trade

The CEO of Agbiz, Dr John Purchase, addressed the Sub-Tropical Fruits Marketing Symposium on tariffs, AGOA and trade negotiations this week. Please click on [Agbiz presentation](#) and [Agbiz Sub-Tropical Fruits Background Study](#), as prepared by Mr Tinashe Kapuya, Head of International Trade and Investment at Agbiz, for additional info.

## Agribusiness Intelligence

### Sector soon to receive new AgriBEE Sector Codes



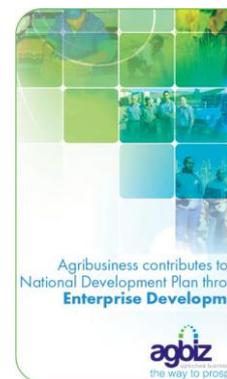
The AgriBEE Charter Council was tasked to align the current AgriBEE sector codes to the new Codes of Good Practice. Accordingly, the draft aligned version was submitted to *the dti* in July as it had to be gazetted by end of October for it not to be repealed. On Friday, 30 October, the dti notified the AgriBEE Charter Council that the draft AgriBEE Codes have been approved. On 2 November *the dti* said in a press release that extension is effectively given as any sector codes not submitted before end of 15 November will be repealed. Accordingly, it is now clear that the AgriBEE codes will not be repealed and will soon to be released for public comments. The date of release has not been revealed. Agbiz proposes to host an information session soon after the AgriBEE Sector Codes get published for public comment. More detail will be provided through the Agbiz newsletter.

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## [Repeal of sector codes not aligned to the amended codes](#)

- *The dti, media release*

## [Werksmans Attorneys - Broad Based Black Economic Sector Codes - The final count down?](#)

- *By Pieter Steyn, Director at Werksmans Attorneys*

## Agbiz Congress 2016

### Only a few sponsorship opportunities left



The Agbiz Congress 2016 themed "Fit for the Future" will take place on 1 - 2 June 2016 in Somerset West, Cape Town. Sponsorship opportunities for the congress was announced on Monday and was almost instantly sold out to members.

Main sponsorships still available are the Agbiz 70th Anniversary Gala Dinner (Platinum), international presenters (Bronze) and the after congress tour. The student project and student case competition is a favourite sponsorship amongst members and only 2 sponsorships are left. Other opportunities not to be missed are exhibition space and advertising space in the congress publication.

We thank the following sponsors who have already confirmed their participation:

Platinum sponsor: **Standard Bank** | Gold sponsor: **Afgri** | Silver sponsor: **Voermoel**.

Supporting sponsors: **VKB, Kaap Agri, GWK** and **Senwes**.

Student project and case study competition sponsors: Kaap Agri, Monsanto (3), Overberg Agri, Signa, SSK, Syngenta (4) Talent Africa (2) and TWK.

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## Agbiz Grain

### Grain and oilseed industry exhibits in Parliament on World Food Day



Agbiz Grain recently coordinated an exhibit in Parliament to coincide with World Food Day. Organisations comprising the grain and oilseed industry joined forces to present this highly informative exhibit that ran from Thursday morning 15 October until Friday noon, 16 October. The exhibit also coincided with various meetings of the Portfolio Committee on Agriculture with ARC, DAFF, PPECB and NAMC over the two days.

The display panels of the Parliamentary exhibit explain the respective focus areas of grain industry role players and their interaction to ensure a well-integrated industry. Representatives from various industry organisations manned the exhibit and answered questions of the Parliamentarians. Valuable contacts were made. A comprehensive information booklet reflecting the content of the exhibit panels was also distributed. Interested parties could thus refer back to all the information presented during the exhibit. The booklet which is [linked here](#), lists all the industry role players for future reference. The exhibit was funded by the four major industry Trusts: Maize Trust, Oil & Protein Seeds Development Trust, Sorghum Trust and Winter Cereal Trust.

## Grain and oilseed news

### The intentions' of producers to plant summer crops for 2016

The Crop Estimates Committee released on 27 October the intentions' of producers to plant summer crops for 2016. [Media release](#)

### Grain and Oilseed Supply and Demand Estimates Report for Oct 2015

Please find a revised Supply and Demand Estimates Report for Oct 2015 with updated information on Sorghum at the [following link](#)

## Members' News

### Monsanto honored by Science magazine as a 2015 top employer

Science magazine has recognized Monsanto as one of the world's top employers, ranking the company No. 9 in Science's 2015 Top Employer survey. The survey spotlights the 20 best companies in the biotechnology, biopharmaceutical, pharmaceutical and related industries, as well as the characteristics that make them great places to work. [Read more](#)

### NWK again receives accolade as a top employer

NWK Limited has once again been certified as a top employer on 1 October of this year, after the agricultural services group from Lichtenburg in North West also earned this achievement in 2015. [Read more](#) Other Agbiz members who have been independently certified by the Top Employers Institute as Top Employers South Africa are IDC, Old Mutual, Tiger Brands and Total.

### Dry season might result in smaller wine grape harvest

The South African wine industry can expect a smaller wine grape harvest in 2016, should the dry seasonal conditions persist in November. This is the message from the regional viticulturists of VinPro, the representative organisation for some 3 500 wine producers and cellars. [Read more](#)

### VinPro on 1 November as transformation and development officer

Unathi Mantshongo joined VinPro on 1 November as transformation and development officer.

Unathi will coordinate the initiatives of VinPro's transformation and development division, along with manager Phil Bowes. Going forward, she will be responsible for overseeing the implementation of funded initiatives aimed at

promoting and accelerating transformation throughout the wine value chain, with a key focus on enterprise development.

## Industry News

### South Africa meets all the eligibility criteria to remain a beneficiary of AGOA

The Minister of Trade and Industry, Dr Rob Davies has assured Parliament that South Africa (SA) has addressed the technical issues relating to market access of United States (US) agricultural products raised during the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) review of SA. He was updating the Portfolio Committee on Trade and Industry in Parliament on AGOA. [More»](#)

### AFASA 4th Annual General Meeting and Conference

The African Farmers' Association of South Africa (AFASA) hosted its 4th Annual General Meeting and Conference from 25 to 27 October 2015 at St George Hotel and Conference Centre close to Pretoria. During the conference, AFASA among other things, took its final position on the land reform issue especially with regard to the following:

- District Land Committees
- AgriParks
- Foreign Land Ownership and Land Ceilings
- Strengthening of relative rights of farm dwellers

The programme is [linked](#).

## News around the web

[South Africa treads water on infrastructure upgrades, risks shortages](#)  
- [www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com)

[Western Cape Winemakers Intent on Expanding Market to Cuba](#)  
- [www.thedti.gov.za](http://www.thedti.gov.za)

[US agribusiness giant buys major stake in SA firm»](#)  
- [www.bdlive.co.za](http://www.bdlive.co.za)

[Louis Dreyfus creates investment fund for agribusiness in Sub-Saharan Africa»](#)  
- [www.world-grain.com](http://www.world-grain.com)

[Uganda: Six Ideas That Won the Agribusiness Challenge»](#)  
- [www.allafrica.com](http://www.allafrica.com)

## Newsletters worth reading

[Timbali Newsletter»](#)

[TIPS Newsletter»](#)

[Mobile Agri Skills Development and Training \(NPC\) MASDT Newsletter»](#)

## Upcoming Events

### **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 2015**

26 - 27 November 2015 | Johannesburg

[More information](#)

### **EMRC Africa Finance & Investment Forum - AFIF2015**

24 - 26 November 2015 | Cape Town

[More information](#)

### **Global Forum for Innovations in Agriculture**

1 - 2 December 2015 | Durban

Enabling Africa to feed Africa

[More information](#)

### **Fruit Logistica 2016**

2 - 6 February 2016.

Tour group departs and return from O.R Tambo Airport

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Deadline for registrations: 14 December 2015

[More information](#)

### **Agbiz Congress 2016**

1 - 2 June 2016 | Somerset West, Cape Town

### **IFAMA 26th Annual World Conference**

19 - 23 June 2016 | Denmark

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