



Public Lecture

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Topic: The Role of Organised Agriculture in the 21st Century

This public lecture is part of the Agricultural Trade Policy Institute's lecture series that will focus on sharing information to stimulate public dialogue on agricultural trade policy in Namibia. Furthermore, the lecture series creates an avenue for sharing the latest trends in the Agri-trade policy space.

About the Speakers

Prof Johan van Rooyen is a Professor Emeritus in Agricultural Economics at Stellenbosch University and the University of Pretoria). He teaches Agri-business Strategy, Agricultural and Rural Development, and Business Cases at SU. Prof Van Rooyen is currently involved with various Universities in Post-Grad Teaching and Research Supervision at the University of Stellenbosch, Free State, Namibia, Jimma in Ethiopia; Maastricht Business School, Netherlands, Centre for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD) and China. To date, Prof Van Rooyen has published more than 100 peer-group refereed scientific papers and presented over 100 papers at local and international events. He is a National Research Foundation (NRF) rated scientist. Prof van Rooyen serves on several boards of Agri-business companies and agencies. He is currently a Team Member of the Bureau for Food and Agricultural Policy Analysis (BFAP) and OABS Agribusiness consultancy firm as well as serving on an expert panel of the World Competitive Report, University of Lausanne, Switzerland, amongst others.



Mr Wandile Sihlobo is the Chief Economist of the Agricultural Business Chamber of South Africa (Agbiz) and the author of "*Finding Common Ground: Land, Equity, and Agriculture*". He is a Senior Lecturer Extraordinary at the Department of Agricultural Economics at Stellenbosch University and a Visiting Research Fellow at the Wits School of Governance, University of the Witwatersrand. Sihlobo was appointed as a member of President Cyril Ramaphosa's Presidential Economic Advisory Council in 2019 (and re-appointed in 2022), having served on the Presidential Expert Advisory Panel on Land Reform and Agriculture from 2018. He is also a member of the Council of Statistics of South Africa (Stats SA) and a Commissioner at the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (ITAC). Sihlobo is a columnist for Business Day, The Herald and Farmers Weekly magazine. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Fort Hare and a Master of Science degree in Agricultural Economics from Stellenbosch University.



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