



DROUGHT DIALOGUE

23 – 24 June 2016

Percheron Hall, Elsenburg

Programme – Day 1

TIME	ACTION	PERSON
08:00	REGISTRATION	
09:00 – 10:00	OPENING SESSION	Chair: Mr. Darryl Jacobs, Acting Deputy Director General, WCDoA
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome	Mr. Mogale Sebopetsa Acting Head of Department, WCDoA
09:10 – 09:30	Opening address	Minister Alan Winde Minister of Economic Opportunities Minister Anton Bredell Minister of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning
09:30 – 10:00	Keynote Address: Economical impact of drought and disasters on agriculture	Prof. Ferdi Meyer Director, BFAP
10:00 – 10:30	COFFEE / TEA	
10:30 – 13:00	Session 1 – Setting the scene	Chair: Dr. Ilse Trautmann Chief Director, Research and Technology Development, WCDoA
10:30 - 11:00	Overview of climate change and the future for agriculture in the Western Cape	Prof. Stephanie Midgley Project Leader: SmartAgri
11:00 – 11:20	From forecasting to a season ahead to projecting decades into the future: A water and drought perspective.	Prof. Roland Schulze Former UKZN Hydrologist
11:20 – 11:40	The challenges of the commercial farmers: current drought	Mr. Cornie Swart President Agri-Western Cape
11:40 – 12:00	The challenges of the small holder farmers: current drought	Mr. Ismael Motala President AFASA
12:00 – 13:00	Feedback from commodities – what was in place, what did they expect, what can they do? (Panel discussion with 5 min per speaker and 30 minutes debate and questions)	Livestock, Grain, Fruit, Other
13:00 – 13:45	LUNCH	

13:45 – 15:30	Session 2 – Roles and responsibilities	Chair: Mr. Mogale Sebopetsa Acting Head of Department, WCDoA
13:45 – 14:05	Governments and sector role	Mr. Andre Roux Director: Sustainable Resource Management, WCDoA
14:05 – 14:25	Drought and fire management – understanding rules and regulations	Mr. Colin Deiner Chief Director: Disaster Management and Fire & Rescue Services, Dept Local Government
14:25 – 14:45	Lessons of the past	Comments from Mr. Kosie van Zyl (to be presented by Carl Opperman/Andre Roux) Drought expert from DAFF
14:45 – 15:30	Table discussion groups - sharing own challenges and lessons learnt (16 groups)	
15:30 – 16:00	COFFEE/TEA	
16:00 – 17:00	Session 3 – Feedback from group discussions	Chair: Mr. Jerry Aries Director FSD, WCDoA
16:00 – 16:30	Presentation on feedback from groups and listing most important challenges and lessons	Dr. Ilse Trautmann
16:30 – 17:00	Open discussion on feedback	
17:00	Closure Day 1	Dr. Ilse Trautmann

Programme – Day 2

TIME	ACTION	PERSON
08:00	REGISTRATION	
08:30 – 10:00	Session – Drought and disaster intelligence – what is needed?	Chair: Mr. Andre Roux Director: Sustainable Resource Management, WCDoA
08:30 – 08:50	Insights into indigenous coping strategies to drought for drought adaptation in agriculture: the southern cape scenario	Dr. Bongani Ncube Researcher/Lecturer, Centre for Water and Sanitation Research, Department of Agriculture, Cape Peninsula University of Technology

08:50 – 09:10	Satellite imagery and web tools to support drought decision making	Dr. Mike Wallace Specialist GIS Scientist, WCDōA
09:10– 09:30	The Impact of the drought on Water Provision	Mr. Trevor Balzer Dept Water and Sanitation
09:30 – 09:50	Creating a weather-smart nation: SAWS drought related research, services and products	Prof. Hannes Rautenbach Chief Scientist: Climate Change and Variability, South African Weather Service (SAWS)
09:50 – 10:00	Questions	
10:00 – 10:30	COFFEE / TEA	
10:30 – 12:45	Session – Identification of key issues to address to become resilient	Discussion leader: Prof. Stephanie Midgley
10:30 - 12:30	Interactive session leading to an action plan: building on the input from Day One. [The expected outcome of this session is to identify the most important actionable points of a proposed action plan to be explored by dedicated task teams in order to get actions and structures in place to make our sector more resilient against future droughts]	
12:30 – 12:45	Way forward and closure of dialogue	Mr. Darryl Jacobs
12:45 – 14:30	LIGHT FINGER LUNCH	