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Food Security as a Top Priority for the G20

Monday, 24 November 2025, 08:30–11:30 (SAST)
Agricultural Research Council (ARC) Central Office,
Address: 1134 Park Street,
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PROGRAMME

Programme Director: Dr Petronella Chaminuka: Executive Manager: Research Support and Coordination.

08:30 – 09: 00 — Arrival and Registration

09:00 – 09:10 — Welcome Dr. Litha Magingxa, CEO and President of the Agricultural Research Council

09:10 – 09:15 — Greeting: H.E. Amina J. Mohammed, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations **(Video)**

09:15 – 09:20 — Input: Dr. Stefan Schmitz, Co-Chair Global Flagship Initiative for Food Security and Executive Director Crop Trust **(Video)**

09:20 – 09:25 — Input: H.E. Dr. Osama Fageeha, Chair, UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) COP16 Presidency **(Video)**

09:25 – 09:30 — Input: Dr. Martin Fregene, Acting Vice President, Agriculture, Human & Social Development, African Development Bank **(Video)**

09:30 – 09:45 — Framing Presentation – The Global Flagship Initiative for Food Security in the G20 Context: Dr. Conrad Rein, Secretary-General of the Global Flagship Initiative for Food Security

09:45 – 10:00 — G20 Outcomes: H.E. Mr. John Steenhuisen, Minister of Agriculture, South Africa

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10:00 – 10:50 — Panel Discussion

Moderator: Mr. Declan Kirrane, Africa-Europe Science Collaboration Platform (AERAP) and Managing Director, UN Science Summit

Panelists:

- **H.E. Ms. Alice Ruhweza, President of AGRA**
- **Mr. Mooketsa Ramasodi, Director-General: Department of Agriculture, South Africa**
- **Dr. Linda Mtwisha, Group Executive, Research and Innovation, Agricultural Research Council**
- **Professor Appolinaire Djikeng, Director-General, International Livestock Research Institute**
- **Mr. Gideon Hefer, Executive Council Member, CropLife South Africa**
- **Mr. Brian Weaving, Head of Business Development, SASA Finance**

Followed by Q&A

10:50 – 11:00 — Group Photo

11:00 – 11:45 — Guided Research Exhibition Tour and Refreshments



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