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Attention: News Editors / Agricultural writers

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COUNCIL AND CHINESE ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES TO HOST TRAINING WORKSHOP ON CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE

As a token of continuing efforts to create agricultural sector that is resilient to ongoing threats of climate change and climate variability, the Agricultural Research Council (ARC) in collaboration with Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) will conduct a training workshop on Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) on 11-13 December 2024.

The workshop is intended to develop capacity of the trainees to help them address the complex interrelated challenges of food security, development and climate change, while identifying integrated options that promotes cooperation and benefits, and reduce trade-offs.

The training will capacitate government officials, extension officers, and farmers for a resilient agriculture sector in South Africa. Through this critically important workshop trainees will be exposed to global-informed climate smart agriculture and poverty alleviation strategies, skills and theories.

The rationale for this workshop is to, amongst others ensure a grounded understanding of the implication of climate change and opportunities linked with Climate Smart Agriculture for agricultural production. The training therefore needs to

implant a comprehensive set of CSA focused skills to be acquired to enable climate-smart sustainable food production systems, crops, livestock and fisheries.

It is expected that the trainees will develop expertise for climate smart agriculture in order to enhance their mitigation to climate change effects with a view of alleviating poverty since agriculture is the main component towards ensuring food security. It is also anticipated that trainees will be equipped with practices to adapt to ongoing climate change and future climate variability.

Training Workshop Details

Day 1

Date: 11 December 2024

Venue: ARC-Vegetables, Industrial and Medicinal Plants (VIMP) Mafutha Auditorium

Time:09h00-17h00

Day 2

Date: 12 December 2024

Venue: ARC-Vegetables, Industrial and Medicinal Plants (VIMP) Mafutha Auditorium

Time:09h00-16h30

Day 3

Date: 13 December 2024

Venue: ARC-Vegetables, Industrial and Medicinal Plants (VIMP) various CSA field trials

Time:09h00-14h00

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