

## MEDIA INVITATION

**For Immediate Release**

**To: All Media**

**Date: 08 July 2019**

**Attention: News Editors/ Agricultural writers**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Agricultural Research Symposium, towards effective national agricultural support system towards a vibrant sector.

**Pretoria:** The agricultural state owned entities; Agricultural Research Council (ARC), Land Bank, National Agricultural Marketing Council (NAMC), Onderstepoort Biological Products (OBP) and Perishable Products Export Control Board (PPECB) will host its annual Agriculture Symposium on the 17 July 2019 at Klein Kaap Conference Venue, Centurion.

Speakers for the day include renowned agricultural development analyst Prof Mandi Rukuni, Dr Theo de Jager (WFO President), former DG of the Department of Agriculture Mr Masiphula Mbongwa, Ms Joyene Isaacs (HOD Western Cape Agriculture) and many other speakers.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Agricultural Research Symposium aims to look specifically at the effective national agricultural support system towards a vibrant sector and new innovations for the future. Different stakeholders including academia, policymakers and the financial sector will converge under the 3<sup>rd</sup> Agricultural Research Symposium theme to discuss the effective ways to positively contribute to the most import sector of the economy.

The Chief Executive Officers of the 5 entities will also make representations at the symposium. Members of the media are invited to attend.

**The details of the event are as follows:**

Date: 17 July 2019

Venue: Klein Kaap Conference Venue, Centurion

Time: 08h30 – 13h00

Member of the media are requested to confirm their attendance with Mr S Tshipi on [tshipia@arc.agric.za](mailto:tshipia@arc.agric.za) or 0734986722

