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SUBJECT: Agricultural Research Council to Participate in the 4th AERAP Africa-Europe Science Collaboration Forum

The Agricultural Research Council (ARC) announces its participation in the 4th AERAP Africa-Europe Science Collaboration Forum, scheduled from April 22 to 24, 2024, at the South African Embassy in Brussels, Belgium. This prestigious gathering aims to leverage digital technologies to broaden the scope of scientific collaboration and ensure inclusive engagement across Africa.

At the heart of the Forum's agenda are discussions surrounding fundamental policy frameworks and strategic initiatives, including the AU-EU Innovation Agenda, the AUC Digital Transformation Strategy for Africa (2020-2030), and the EU Comprehensive Strategy with Africa. Key programs such as Horizon Europe, FP10, and the Neighbourhood, Development, and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI) will also be explored.

Representing the ARC, Dr. Petronella Chaminuka will deliver a presentation during the opening session themed "The Vision for Africa: Realizing Our Potential through Scientific Advancement." Additionally, Dr. Chaminuka will serve as a panellist for two round table discussions: "Green Transition: Agriculture and Food and Nutrition Security" and "Science Europe." Moreover, bilateral meetings with EU-based partners and discussions on the ARC's participation in the upcoming 2024 UN Science Summit are also on her agenda during her visit to Brussels.

"Participation at the 4th AERAP Africa-Europe Science Collaboration Forum emphasises our commitment to nurturing diplomatic relations within EU-affiliated countries. It is a testament to our dedication to strengthening partnerships and leveraging scientific innovation for sustainable development," said ARC President and CEO, Dr. Litha Magingxa.

The ARC looks forward to contributing its expertise and insights to this vital platform, furthering its mission to advance agricultural research and innovation for the betterment of societies globally.

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About the Agricultural Research Council

The Agricultural Research Council is a premier science institution that conducts research with partners, develops human capital, and fosters innovation in support of the agricultural sector. The ARC provides diagnostic, laboratory, analytical, and agricultural engineering services, post-harvest technology development, agrochemical evaluation, consultation and advisory services, food processing technology services as well as various surveys and training interventions. For more information visit the ARC website at: www.arc.agric.za.