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Attention: News Editors/ Agricultural writers

The Agricultural Research Council in collaboration with CCARDESA

Pretoria: The Agricultural Research Council (ARC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Centre for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development for Southern Africa (CCARDESA) to formalise collaboration on regional research collaboration and cooperation on strategic and emerging research topics of mutual interest. The MoU was signed on 8 September 2022 on the margins of the AGRF 2022 Summit held from 5-9 September 2022 in Kigali, Rwanda.

This is another milestone for the ARC as they foster a relationship with its counterpart on the African continent. It's a commitment that the ARC and its counterpart want to eradicate poverty through scientific output.

The MoU covers the following areas for cooperation:

- a. Regional research collaboration and cooperation on strategic and emerging research topics of mutual interest;
- b. Exchange of research material, scientific information, knowledge, and technologies;
- c. Training and capacity development programmes and projects;
- d. Consultancy and advisory services;
- e. Facilitation of technology transfer and business development initiatives from research outputs;
- f. Conducting joint resource mobilisation for agricultural research and development, capacity building, and outreach activities;
- g. Monitoring and evaluation, impact assessment and pilot projects; and
- h. Any other areas as may be agreed upon between the two Parties.

“Food Security exists when all people at all times have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy lifestyle,” said Dr L Magingxa, President and CEO of the ARC.

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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, agricultural engineering services, post-harvest technology development, agrochemical evaluation, consultation and advisory services, food processing technology services as well as various surveys