



The Fifth African Higher Education Week and RUFORUM Biennial Conference 2016

South African Agriculture and Life Sciences Deans Association (SAALSDA) Meeting

Concept Note

Background

The formalization of SAALSDA in 2014 positions South Africa to respond to critical developments and proactively advocate in the dynamic environment of agricultural development continentally and globally. These dynamics are contextualized by inter alia the development of the African Union Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa (STISA 2024), and the Science Agenda for African Agriculture (SA3). The Academy of Science of South Africa's (ASSAf) commissioned a consensus study to revitalize agricultural education and training (AET) in South Africa. This study has now been completed and need to be shared with SAALSDA members. Prof Albert Modi, Dean and Head of School for Agricultural, Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of KwaZulu-Natal, has been elected as Chairperson. Members include Deans or Heads of the ten faculties of agriculture and/or life sciences, as well as the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences at the University of Pretoria.

Associations like SAALSDA, along with other regional associations, are members of the Global Confederation of Higher Education Associations for Agricultural and Life Science (GCHERA), encouraging mutual understanding and global cooperation in supporting innovation and providing leadership in education, research and outreach in agricultural and life sciences. Current members of GCHERA include associations and networks from Africa, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Central America, Central Asia, China, Europe, India, Mexico, the Middle East, Russian speaking countries, and the United States.

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Purpose of the Side Event

Biannual meeting of SAALSDA, and presentation/consultation of the conclusions of the Consensus Study on the Revitalisation of Agricultural Education and Training (AET) in South Africa, commissioned by the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf).

Objectives of the side Event

- Deliberations on the business of SAALSDA, and election of a new Chairperson
- Consultation on the recommendations of the ASSAf AET study with members of SAALSDA

Approach and Methodology

- 14:00-15:30: Closed business meeting – members of SAALSDA
- 15:30-17:30: Open meeting, incl. other HoDs and Deputy Deans, to share the conclusions of the ASSAf AET study

Venue and Participants

Venue: Century City Conference Centre, Cape Town, South Africa

Date: Sunday 16 October, 2016

Time: 1400-1730

Side Event Organizers and Contact

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Side Event Programme

Day One

SESSION: 16 October 2016 Venue: Room 11, Century City Conference Centre, Cape Town, South Africa		
MAIN THEME		
Time	Sub Theme	Responsible
14:00-15:30	Closed business meeting – members of SAALSDA	Aldo Stroebe
15:30-17:30	Open meeting, incl. other HoDs and Deputy Deans, to present and discuss the recommendations of the ASSAf AET study	Aldo Stroebe

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