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CALL FOR PAPER

The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) and the North-West Provincial Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) cordially invites you to present a paper during 5th Biennial LandCare Conference (1 – 4 October 2012) to be held at Mmabatho Convention Centre, Mahikeng, North-West Province. An abstract of maximum two pages to be submitted not later than 24th August 2012.

Theme: **LandCare: Sustaining natural resource management 15 years and beyond for better livelihoods**

The objectives of the Conference is:

- (1) To showcase the programme and its impact in addressing agricultural land degradation, poverty and food security.
- (2) To bring stakeholders within the Agricultural Natural Resources Management sector together to exchange experiences.

(3) To reward communities taking leadership on custodianship of natural agricultural resources.

(4) To identify challenges faced by the sector and possible interventions.

The conference will assist in improving the LandCare programme implementation and enhance better life for all South Africans through sustainable use of natural resources.

The Conference will be facilitated through plenary, commissions and exhibitions.

The commissions for the 5th Biennial LandCare Conference will focus on the following Sub-themes:

- **Sub Theme 1: LandCare empowering communities**

the papers submitted for this theme should focus on Awareness raising, capacity building, Partnerships, skills development, training and community empowerment.

- **Sub Theme 2: Protecting South Africa's scarcest natural resources**

The LandCare policy as well as other natural resources policies will be addressed. This focus area will also address aspects of climate smart/conservation agriculture, area wide planning, land use management, climate change, degradation, GIS as a natural resource management tool as well as field technical guides. Similarly application of various policies such as CARA and SALA has greater potential to build the economy in a sustainable manner through proper land management decisions.

- **Sub Theme 3: The mainstreaming of LandCare programmes into EPWP through labour intensive methodologies**

EPWP was identified as one of an array of government strategies aimed at addressing unemployment. As a result thereof the role of different government programmes in natural resources management (e.g. LandCare, CASP, Conservation Agriculture etc.) achieving poverty alleviation objective through EPWP using labour intensive methods cannot be overemphasized. To this end also scope to learn from the best practices in the use of Labour-intensive programmes (EPWP) to alleviate poverty and infrastructure development.

The subtheme will showcase the role of LandCare in advancing EPWP through participation in institutional structure, enhancing compliance to ministerial and code of conduct, case study on best practices on labour intensity and others imperatives, maximum use of incentives to stimulate job creation and LandCare expansion areas. The sub theme will also reflect on international EPWP trends and their relation to LandCare towards green economy that advocate carbon low and climate resilience developmental path.

- **Sub Theme 4: Investing in land restoration**

This focus area will specifically address the future of the natural resources in South Africa – what has already been done to degraded natural resources and what will be done in future to ensure that there will be natural resources left for generation. The conference will critically evaluate the LandCare program in South Africa. We will look at best approaches of the past in natural resources – approaches like WOCAT and LADA amongst others. Successes (what was done well in the past) will be showcased. However aspects like land use planning, aspects of climate change and land management that did not work well in the past will also be critically evaluated.

Format of a paper

An abstract of a maximum of 2 pages with following specifications

Work should be original	
Word processor	Microsoft Word, 1997 or later version
Language	English
Maximum Length	500 words
Margins	2.5 cm margins (all sides-top, bottom and sides)
Font type	Times New Roman
Font size for body of abstract	11 point font
Title	12 point in bold with all letters to the main words capitalized
Correspondence	The corresponding author's e-mail address must provided
Authors affiliation	The organisation affiliated with or representing together with full address
Key words	4 – 6 words
Theme	Please indicate the theme for which the abstract should be considered

Submit Abstracts to: **Martha Khwene** at MarthaK@daff.gov.za , Tel: **012 3197618**

The deadlines for submissions: **24 August 2012**. Abstract will be assessed by the evaluation committee and approved speakers notified accordingly.