



FRUIT INDUSTRY VALUE CHAIN ROUND TABLE (FIVCRT)  
RECORDS OF DECISIONS (10<sup>th</sup> SESSION)  
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**Partnerships and collaborations drive FIVCRT to success.**

The FIVCRT held its 10<sup>th</sup> sitting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2016, in Pretoria at the NAMC offices. The FIVCRT continues to work on its strategic agenda led by five working groups. During this sitting, the five Working Groups reported on their programmes and progress on implementation of key action plans. The FIVCRT also hosted a guest from an initiative called Confronting Climate Change and also discussed possibilities of collaborations with the Wine Industry Value Chain Round Table. This bulletin highlights some of the key resolutions on the above issues.

**Government and fruit industry to fund various FIVCRT programmes**

It is already two years since the establishment of the FIVCRT and it comes as no surprise that various programmes of the FIVCRT are ready for implementation. During its 9<sup>th</sup> sitting, the FIVCRT mandated the co-chairpersons to draft financial plans and identify sources of funding for the programmes of the FIVCRT. During the 10<sup>th</sup> session, the FIVCRT adopted a model which will see programmes of the FIVCRT aligned and funded through the already existing funding schemes of government and /or industry associations. Business cases of various programmes that require funding or co-funding will be submitted to DAFF for approval through an efficient process.

**Progress reports from the working groups and presentations...**

The FIVCRT hosted a guest presenter from Blue North Sustainability that drives the Confronting Climate Change initiative. The initiative aims to equip the export oriented fruit and wine industries to respond proactively to demands from the markets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change. The FIVCRT will deliberate further on ways to adopt this initiative. The Trade Working Group recommended the establishment of a steering committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary issues in anticipation of possible changes in the FCM regulations from the EU. The first meeting of the steering committee will be held probably in May/June 2016. The Employment and Worker Welfare application to request funding for the implementation of the Farm Worker Wellness Programme was submitted to the International Labour Organisation and the feedback will be provided during the next meeting. The FIVCRT will meet with the Wine Industry Value Chain Round Table on possible collaborations in the Brandvlei Dam. The main aim of this project is to increase the capacity of the dam for the benefit of both industries.

**Date of the next meeting**

The next FIVCRT meeting is scheduled for 30<sup>th</sup> of August 2016 in Pretoria.

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