

6th Biennial National LandCare Conference

The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in collaboration with the KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Department of Agriculture and Rural Development will be hosting the 6th Biennial National LandCare Conference at the Durban International Convention Centre from 22 to 25 September 2014 under the theme

“LandCare—Restoring Sustainable Livelihoods for All.”

The objectives of the conference are as follows:

- Stakeholder engagement for awareness and policy feedback on the LandCare Programme;
- Recognising communities, partners and land users who are advancing the LandCare philosophy;
- Sharing the best practices and technologies on sustainable land management and in protecting and rehabilitating degraded natural agricultural resources;
- Demonstrating the sustainable use of natural resources as one of the adaptation and mitigation measures for addressing the socio-economic impact of climate change;
- Showcasing the potential of LandCare as one of the main vehicles for job creation, food security and sustainable livelihoods;
- Advocating the international and African agenda on sustainable land management.

The conference will further deliberate on the following subthemes:

- Strengthening community participation for real stewardship and custodianship of natural agricultural resources
- Integration of natural agricultural resources within the context of national and provincial imperatives
- LandCare Best practices in upscaling green jobs and ensuring food security
- Climate smart agriculture and conservation agriculture in advancing Rio plus 20 on land degradation neutral world in pursuit of Sustainable Natural Resource Management (SNRM).

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