

**DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR THE 8TH BIENNIAL NATIONAL LANDCARE
CONFERENCE
PROGRAMME DIRECTOR: MR. MIKE MLENGANA
VENUE: SAN DU PLESSIS THEATRE COMPLEX**

DAY ONE: 25-09-2018		
Time	Item	Responsibility
07:00-09:30	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	
10:00 - 10:10	Welcome	Cllr. Olly Mlamleli Executive Mayor: Mangaung Metro Municipality
10:10 - 10:20	Introduction of guests	Ms. Pumeza Nodada Deputy Director General
10:20- 10:30	LandCare video	CA Video
10:30 - 11:0	Declining trend of LandCare funding and entire natural resources management	Mr. Hein Lindemann Scientific Manager
11:00-11:10	Performance	Cultural Music
11:10-11:20	Farmer experiences of LandCare	Mr. Vusi Myandu Farmer
11:20-11:40	LandCare International Perspective	Prof. Elijah Biamah Professor of Environmental and Water Systems Engineering
11:40 – 11:50	LandCare in Free State	Dr. Benny Malakoane MEC of Agriculture and Rural Development

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11:50 – 12:10	Message of Support	Ms. Sisi Ntombela Premier of Free State
12:10 – 12:20	Introduction of the Keynote speaker	Mr. Sfiso Buthelezi Deputy Minister of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
12:20-12:50	Keynote address	Mr. Senzeni Zokwana Minister of Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
12:50-13:00	Vote of thanks	Mr. Kopung Ralikontsane Director General: Free State
13:00-14:00	LUNCH	
14:00-14:30	The Official opening of Exhibition	Minister, Premier, Deputy Minister, MEC's
14:30-15:00	Media Briefing	Minister, Premier, MEC and Mayor
15:00-17:00	Farmers Forum session	
15:00-15:30	Introductory presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synopsis of LandCare programme since its inception • Farm planning for food security and agrarian reform • Free State LandCare Projects Overview 	Ms. RL Bosoga Director: Land Use and Soil Management Mr. RK Mampholo Deputy Director: LandCare Dr. NN (Nhlonipho) Nhlabatsi Chief Director: Agricultural Development Support and Livelihoods
15:30-17:00	Farmers forum Panel Discussion	Minister, MEC's, Dr. Garrity and farmers
18:00 – 22:00	NETWORKING DINNER	
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DAY TWO: 26-09-2018

Programme Director: Ms. Morongoa Leseke, Chief Director: Forestry Operations

8:00 - 10:00	Partnership and Funding Panel Discussion Introductory presentation (10 Mins) How to advance resilience to Drought and other natural disasters affecting natural resources and agricultural productivity & funding options for LandCare	Facilitator Dr Jakob Knot Dr. Tau, Mr. Misaveni Ngobeni, Mr. Bothwell. Ms. Bosoga, Dr. Hove, Dr. Garrity & DEA
10:00 - 10:30	Free State LandCare Evaluation Report. Lessons learned	Mr. Smith, CTB (Free State Department of Agriculture & Rural Development)
10:30 - 11:00	TEA	TEA
11:00 - 11:20	Sub-theme one keynote presentation- Knowledgeable and informed farming communities through LandCare partnerships	Dr. Smith, H GrainSA Conservation Agriculture Manager
11:20 - 11:40	Sub-theme three keynote presentation- LandCare partnerships restoring agricultural health for lasting food security	Dr. Hove, L Food and Agricultural Organisation country representative
11:40-12:00	Sub-theme four keynote presentation- LandCare research and technology partnership pathway	Prof. Moshia, ME Agricultural Research Council Soil Information Specialist
12:00-12:20	Addressing institutional gaps through LandCare: Potential for African LandCare networking in Africa	Dr. Tanui, J African LandCare Network

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12:20-12:40	Synthesis of keynote address and LandCare International perspective	Dr. Garrity, D LandCare International
12:40 - 13:40	LUNCH	
Commission one facilitated by: Dr. Hendrik Smith & Mr. John Sefojane		
13:40-14:10	The effectiveness of communication channels on the adoption of in-field rainwater harvesting	Dr. Botha, JJ (ARC-Institute for Soil, Climate and Water)
14:10-14:20	Questions and Answers	
14:20-14:40	Promoting conservation agriculture (CA): An opportunity to establish functional partnerships	Mr. du Toit, P (ARC-Grain Crops Institute)
14:40-14:50	Questions and Answers	
14:50-15:10	Junior LandCare: Addressing The Current and Future Needs Of The Youth In Uganda	Mr. Wakulira, M (Uganda LandCare Network)
15:10-15:20	Questions and Answers	
15:20-15:40	Learning Conservation Agriculture the Innovation Systems Way	Ms. Mathebula, T (Mahlathini Development Foundation)
15:40-15:50	Questions and Answers	
15:50-16:10	Assessing Sustainable Land Management Promising Technologies Among Innovation Platforms members in Gulu and Kitgum Districts, Northern Uganda	Mr. Tukahirwa, JB (Uganda LandCare Network)
16:10-16:20	Questions and Answers	
16:30-17:00	TEA	
Commission two facilitated by: Mr. Hein Lindemann & Mr. Pilot Nchabeleng		

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13:40-14:10	Community development through alien clearing	Ms. Jansen, L (Lynn's Valley Werk vir Water)
14:10-14:20	Questions and Answers	
14:20-14:40	Restoration Of Ecological Infrastructure Through Collaboration And LandCare Partnerships.	Mr. Röscher, RJ (Western Cape Department of Agriculture)
14:40-14:50	Questions and Answers	
14:50-15:10	Development of Candidate Engineering Technicians for future employment as Engineering Technicians	Mr. Jephtas, G (Western Cape Department of Agriculture)
15:10-15:20	Questions and Answers	
15:20-15:40	Veld Restoration in Mpumalanga Province	Mr. Rabothata, MC (Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, rural development and environmental affairs)
15:40-15:50	Questions and Answers	
15:50-16:10	Water Stewardship through collective alien clearing in the Upper Breede River	Mr. Pienaar, RC (Wolseley Water Users Association)
16:10-16:20	Questions and Answers	
16:30-17:00	TEA	
Commission three facilitated by: Dr. Cutberth Kambanje & Ms. Thamoney Naidoo		
13:40-14:10	Veld management: missing link hampering optimal beef production	Mr. Majola, S (Free State Department of Agriculture & Rural Development)
14:10-14:20	Questions and Answers	

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14:20-14:40	Factors that contribute to healthy and productive soil	Ms. Mangala, L (Seeds First Agri Tertiary Cooperative)
14:40-14:50	Questions and Answers	
14:50-15:10	Biomass Yield Production and Nutritional Composition of Moringa oleifera under Different Planting Densities in the Semi-arid Condition Limpopo province, South Africa	Ms. Bopape-Mabapa, MP (University of Limpopo)
15:10-15:20	Questions and Answers	
15:20-15:40	The use of Satansbos beetles (Leptinotarsa Texana) as potential biological control agent on Silverleaf Nightshade (Solanum Elaeagnifolium, cav.)	Mr. Richter, J (Free State Department of Agriculture & Rural Development)
15:40-15:50	Questions and Answers	
15:50-16:10	Influence of Rainfall Variations on Performance of Bonsmara Cattle in the Central Free State	Mr. Mohlapho, TD (Free State Department of Agriculture & Rural Development)
16:10-16:20	Questions and Answers	
16:30-17:00	TEA	
Commission four facilitated by: Prof. Matshwene Edwin Moshia & Mr. Siegfried vd Merwe		
13:40-14:10	Evaluating the effect of soil degradation on vegetation quality using hyperspectral	Dr. Mushia, N (Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform, Eastern Cape)
14:10-14:20	Questions and Answers	
14:20-14:40	Collaborative research project: Climate smart and sustainable viticulture in the Western Cape, South Africa	Mr. Steyn, F (Western Cape Department of Agriculture)

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14:40-14:50	Questions and Answers	
14:50-15:10	Site-specific Manure Management Strategies for Soil and Water Quality, Human health, and Agricultural productivity	Prof. Moshia ME III (ARC-Institute for Soil, Climate and Water)
15:10-15:20	Questions and Answers	
15:20-15:40	A cost-effective tool for combatting land degradation and providing agricultural extension services: Digital soil mapping	Dr. van Zijl, G (Digital Soils Africa)
15:40-15:50	Questions and Answers	
15:50-16:10	Prioritization of soil erodible classes areas Based on soil-primary parameters in South Africa	Dr. Abd Elbasit, MAM (ARC-Institute for Soil, Climate and Water)
16:10-16:20	Questions and Answers	
16:30-17:00	TEA	TEA
DAY THREE:27-09-2018 PLENARY		
Programme Director: Mr. Muso Tsoametsi, Deputy Director General: Free State Department of Agriculture and Rural Development		
09:00-09:30	Sub-theme two keynote LandCare partnerships restoring environmental health	Prof. J Blignaut Professor of Ecological and Environmental Resource Economics
09:30-09:45	Questions and answers	
09:45-10:30	TEA	
Commission one facilitated by: Dr. Hendrik Smith & Mr. John Sefojane		
10:30-10:50	An innovation systems research process model for LandCare:	Ms. Matlou, M (ARC-Institute for Soil, Climate and Water)

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	Demonstration and assessment of Conservation Agriculture Technologies in selected communities in the KwaZulu-Natal and Eastern Cape Provinces of South Africa	
10:50-10:55	Questions and Answers	
10:55-11:15	Access to markets via the improved AgriFood Value Chain through the Adoption of Climate-Smart Technologies: Case Study of Gladstone, Free State Province	Mr. Koatla, TAB (Agricultural Research Council - Institute for Soil, Climate and Water)
11:15-11:20	Questions and Answers	
11:20-11:40	Addressing the Silver leaf bitter apple, other invader plants and overgrazing problem on the Bethulie commonage through the implementation of community-based projects.	Mr. Adam, L (Free State farmer)
11:40-11:45	Questions and Answers	
11:45-12:05	The Investigating of Different Methods to Eradicate Seriphium Plumosum (Bankrupt Bush / Slangbos / Bankrotbos) and the Efficiency of the Aftercare Methods Applied	Mr. Taljaard, DJ (Free State Department of Agriculture & Rural Development)
12:05-12:10	Questions and Answers	
12:10-13:00	Formulation and discussion on commission resolutions	
Commission two facilitated by: Mr. Hein Lindemann & Mr. Pilot Nchabeleng		
10:30-10:50	SMME development on the back of	Ms. Cupido, L (L and J

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	alien clearing	Wood)
10:50-10:55	Questions and Answers	
10:55-11:15	Water Stewardship and collective action - the why and how in agriculture	Dr. Schachtschneider, K (World Wide Fund for Nature – South Africa)
11:15-11:20	Questions and Answers	
11:20-11:40	Agritourism to Protect Natural Capital, Berg River Western Cape	Mr. Steyn, F (Western Cape Department of Agriculture)
11:40-11:45	Questions and Answers	
11:45-12:05	Infestation of Lopholaena corrifolia (fluffy bush) shrub/ tree and soil properties - Mpumalanga Province	Mr. Keromecwe, O (Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, rural development and environmental affairs)
12:05-12:10	Questions and Answers	
12:10-13:00	Formulation and discussion on commission resolutions	
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10:30-10:50	Land suitability assessment for agricultural development in Ba-Phalaborwa Municipality of Limpopo Province, South Africa	Mr. Mamanyuha, L (Limpopo Department of Agriculture)
10:50-10:55	Questions and Answers	
10:55-11:15	Intercropping taro, cowpea and wild mustard A social agronomy study	Ms. Maphumulo, TC (ARC-Institute for Soil, Climate and Water)
11:15-11:20	Questions and Answers	
11:20-11:40	Effect of Tillage and Mulch on Soybean Grain Yield under diverse	Ms. Mante, CM (University of Limpopo)

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	Agroecological Zones of Limpopo Province	
11:40-11:45	Questions and Answers	
11:45-12:05	Growth Response of Annual Winter Hairy-Vetch (<i>Vicia villosa</i>) to Planting Date and Tillage	Ms.Lehutjo, CM (University of Limpopo)
12:05-12:10	Questions and Answers	
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Commission four facilitated by: Prof Matshwene Edwin Moshia & Mr. Siegfried vd Merwe		
10:30-10:50	Implementation of soil conservation techniques at Sannaspos Farm in Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality	Mr. Joseph, F (Free State Department of Agriculture & Rural Development)
10:50-10:55	Questions and Answers	
10:55-11:15	Yield and chemical composition of native pastures in relation to distance from the fence-line in six semi-arid communal grazing lands and impact of exclosure located in three soil types	Mr. Kwaza, A (Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform, Eastern Cape)
11:15-11:20	Questions and Answers	
11:20-11:40	Monitoring approaches to ensure efficient and effective LandCare Programme implementation	Dr. Morgenthal, T (Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries)
11:40-11:45	Questions and Answers	
11:45-12:05	Application of Near-Surface Remote Sensing Technologies for Monitoring Natural Rangeland Vegetation	Mr. Maphanga, T (University of Limpopo)
12:05-12:10	Questions and Answers	

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12:10-13:00	Formulation and discussion on commission resolutions	
13:00-14:30	LUNCH	
Presentation and Endorsement of resolutions		
Programme Director: Mr. MIKE MLENGANA		
14:30-14:40	Remarks & Video	Programme Director
14:40-15:00	Commission 1 report on resolutions	Dr. Hendrik Smith
15:00-15:20	Commission 2 report on resolutions	Mr. Hein Lindemann
15:20-15:40	Commission 3 report on resolutions	Dr. Cutberth Kambanje
15:40-16:00	Commission 4 report on resolutions	Prof. Matshwene Edwin Moshia
16:00-16:20	Closing Remarks	Mr. Senzeni Zokwana Minister of Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
18:00-22:00	AWARDS CEREMONY	ALL DELEGATES

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