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SOUTH AFRICA TO PARTICIPATE IN AN AU MEETING OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND FINANCE MINISTERS

The Minister Trade, Industry and Competition Mr Ebrahim Patel; Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development: Thoko Didiza, and Deputy, Deputy Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition: Mr Fikile Majola, will participate in the Joint Virtual Meeting of the African Ministers Responsible for Agriculture, Trade and Finance to be held today, 27 July 2020.

The meeting, will be convened under the theme "Building Resilient Food Systems Through Agricultural Trade and Investments to Achieve Food and Nutrition Security in Africa" The aim of the meeting is to discuss the impact of COVID 19.

The meeting will be co-chaired by the Chairs of the Bureaus of the AU Specialized Technical Committees (STCs) responsible for Agriculture, Trade and Finance. The meeting is expected to conclude with a Joint Ministerial Declaration and Action Agenda which embodies commitments which will be undertaken by these Ministers with a view to building resilient food systems through agricultural trade and investments in order to achieve food and nutrition security in Africa.

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