

A WORD FROM OUR CHAIR

Chairperson Liza Bohlmann

Let's make the circle bigger!

A recent discussion with a colleague reminded me of some good advice: When changing something big in your life that may cause discomfort or effort, like moving house, you don't think about how your old house used to look, but how you will style your new home.

The same applies to changes in career, relationships, or in organisations like Agricultural Writers SA (AWSA). Change is a fact of life and necessary to stay relevant. It is also something to look forward to, even if it will take some effort.

We've been discussing the need for increased diversity within our ranks and how this change can be sped up. Of course, the question of how AWSA reflects the demographic of the agricultural media space is one of the big ones!

Have we kept up with how the industry has changed? Are we inclusive in our approach to events, communication, common language, and hosting competitions? Can we do more to encourage journalists and communication workers across media platforms to become part of the AWSA family? And what about age, gender, culture, and non-traditional media like social media influencers or podcasters? Many changes have occurred since our inception in 1977, but many changes are still needed.

Over the years, we've made changes to extend the welcoming arms of AWSA to reach well beyond the more traditional media platforms reflected in our name. From those first years where print media dominated and radio and TV was represented to a lesser extent, we are now in an era where communicators and journalists in the digital space are growing rapidly in number.

Being a specialist field, it is only natural that our members are more on the mature side (I'm trying to be gentle here!)

We are privileged to have a strong contingent of older generation members (from 50 to over 70 years old) who are either still working and/or participating in AWSA events – they add a wealth of knowledge and leadership to the organisation. Members between 35 and 50 years old are well represented and both the regional and national Excos have a good mix of younger and older members. Our biggest challenge when it comes to age representation is to attract the youth (officially up to 35 years old).



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It is in the interest of the bigger agricultural industry, and specifically the agricultural media sector, that the next generation is at least made aware that agricultural journalism exists and that it is a very rewarding career to pursue!

Of course, the sooner they know this little-known fact, the sooner they will become aware of the importance of reporting and communicating accurately about agricultural matters.



Besides, it is fun and interesting and there

is always more to learn! Whether the new wave of journalists eventually become 'agricultural journalists' or not, we believe they should at least know that this specialist field exists and that there is a wealth of information and resources available to avoid fake news or half-baked articles borne out of ignorance.

Our first official outreach to the Tshwane University of Technology's Department of Journalism was a blast! The second-year students were engaged and curious about agriculture and ag-journalism. They even stomached a brief lecture on some complex issues like GMO technology, gene editing, and food systems by Lindi Botha, who did a stellar job in doing so.

We also discussed the opportunities AWSA membership can unlock in learning more about our trade. Most importantly, we want to make membership more accessible, affordable, and fun for the students to encourage their interest in our field of work. Before the end of the year, we plan to reach out to more tertiary institutions and to extend our reach and membership. To all our corporate members and editors reading this, please let us know if you have any upcoming events or internship programmes suitable for journalism students. If you know of an opportunity to reach out to students, send us a mail at <u>lindivr@</u> <u>gmail.com</u> or <u>lizabohlmann@gmail.com</u>, or simply contact your regional chairperson.

The future we are building for AWSA is ongoing and the changes to actively encourage and accommodate the youth must be intentional. Yes, this is only part of making us more diverse and representative of our industry, but we must start somewhere and keep at it.

When thinking of the future and getting young journalists excited about agriculture and advocating for truthful reporting on ag matters, we should be energised to speed up the process. I am, so let's keep the ball rolling!

If you want to help build the future of agricultural journalism and communication in South Africa, please share your ideas and opportunities to include younger members and students with your regional AWSA Exco members.

PS: Remember to send in your nominations for Farmer of the Year, Agriculturist of the Year (focus on extension services), and the New Entrant to Commercial Farming (less than 10 years in commercial farming)!

MEMBER NEWS

!Xhariep Writers hosted by Western Cape Department of Agriculture

By Engela Duvenage



Members of the !Xhariep Agricultural Writers were heartily welcomed to the headquarters of the Western Cape Department of Agriculture (WCDoA) for a media meet and greet on Monday 22 August 2022.

Dr Ivan Meyer, Minster of Agriculture in the Western Cape, was on hand to welcome attendees. He thanked the journalists and media houses they represent for their support to the sector, and their professionalism and enthusiasm in sharing news about the values and value connected to farming and food security in South Africa. He pointed out his province's importance within the South African agricultural sector. "We have approximately 10% of the land being farmed on, but produce 55% of all exports," he explained.

"Agriculture is a science, and science needs research," he said. To this end, research is one of his department's key focus areas, along with support to farmers, rural safety, market access, and climate change issues.





Minister and Peter Pentz.



Dr Sebopetsa.

According to Dr Mogale Sebopetsa, Head of the Department of Agriculture in the Western Cape, it runs seven research farms across the province. Currently at least 70 research projects are being conducted.

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Heads of different units with the Department also had the opportunity to shortly introduce key initiatives to the audience.

This included brief talks on aspects around rural development, research efforts, veterinary services, agricultural economics, and training programmes for the agricultural sector. Members of the audience heard that the Department's veterinary sciences laboratories are currently receiving a R20 million make-over, and about the completion of the refurbishment of the Holsloot Irrigation System near Rawsonville. Similar work to the benefit of farmers in the Lower Olifants River area have also received the green light.

After the event, Eunice Joubert, chair of !Xhariep Agricultural Writers, thanked the Department and its staff for their willingness to engage with members of the media – not only during the morning's presentations, but also when they are on assignment.





MEMBER NEWS

New website for member publication



Vegetables & Fruit has just launched a new website at www.vegetablesandfruitmagazine.co.za

The team believes that the new website will help readers and visitors to navigate features, rates, and subscriptions more efficiently.

Vegetables & Fruit is now accessible on your home or personal device and the team will be available during office hours to answer any questions the public might have.

MEMBER NEWS

Members attend CropLife seminar

Agricultural Writers SA members attended the CropLife South Africa Seminar, themed: "Responding to the climate crisis with biotechnology", held recently in Pretoria.





New website for Andermatt in Africa

The Andermatt in Africa team is proud to announce the launch of its new website, www.andermattafrica.com

With a distribution network that spans South Africa, Kenya, Mozambique, Namibia, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe, and teams that are dedicated to supporting farmers across the African continent, Andermatt in Africa is committed to driving sustainable agriculture for future generations with products that are backed by science and loved by nature.

Andre Fox, Andermatt business development director, highlighted the importance of a continent that can feed her people, and Africa's capacity to become a standard bearer for high-quality, nutritious, healthy food around the world.

"Healthy food and a healthy environment, for all, underpins what we're trying to do at Andermatt in Africa. Our purpose is to drive change in the agricultural sector, to support local farmers who are committed to sustainable agriculture, and to ensure that food safety and food security are no longer a concern for Africa's people," he said.

Furthermore, Andermatt in Africa will seek to strengthen African economies through the export of high-quality, residue-free, healthy food.

"By supporting African capacity for sustainable growth in the agricultural sector, through the use

of biorational solutions that improve the way food is grown, we can ensure that future generations around the world can enjoy healthy food, and a healthy environment," Fox added.

Andermatt's global vision is to replace the use of harmful chemical pesticides with biological alternatives that ensure environmental sustainability and long-term profitability for growers around the world.

Looking to the future, this website is just one step towards ensuring that growers have easy access to the products that they need to incorporate higher standards of food safety – as well as the expertise and support required to move away from a conventional pest control and plant health programme.

This easy-to-navigate, mobile-friendly website will provide growers with direct access to their local partners and distributors – ensuring that products can be delivered, and support offered, to promote better soil health, improved plant vitality and biorational pest control solutions.

For more information, visit: www.andermattafrica.com.



Load-shedding: A surge of impact on the country's agri sector



Regular load-shedding is wreaking havoc in South Africa's agricultural sector, with farmers bracing themselves for the impact of ongoing interrupted power on production schedules, revenue, sensitive electronic equipment, and crime. This means many Santam AGRI policyholders are raising questions regarding what their cover includes.

Hanlie Kroese, manager at Segment Solutions AGRI, says farmers need to fully understand their indemnity from a policy perspective. "We strongly advise speaking to your broker or insurer to understand what's covered when it comes to power surges and other load-shedding-related damage. We know this is a tense situation and we are committed to supporting our farmers in whatever ways we can."

The agricultural sectors most affected by load shedding will be:

- Dairy farms are highly mechanised, with electricity required for most of the production process, including milking machines and milk cooling.
 Milking is usually scheduled for early morning and late afternoon, times which coincide with peak load-shedding periods.
- Fruit and vegetable farms often rely on temperature-regulated cold stores, especially when produce is destined for export markets.
- Poultry farms. Brooding or heating of especially young chicks in broiler houses at certain parts of the day needs to be finely balanced.
- Load-shedding can affect irrigation activities on crop farms, especially for farmers who cannot utilise their electric pumps during their access window to water and/or indirectly by the loadshedding of key irrigation scheme pump stations. In the latter case, a farmer may have access to electricity, but the irrigation scheme pump stations may be affected by load-shedding (or vice versa).

Power surges are also proving to pose a particular problem. These occur when the electricity returns after an extended outage, sending an increased flow of current to a wall socket or and electrical box.

The same principle applies with standby power with the likes of a generator. Power surges have the potential to damage any equipment relying on electricity.

In terms of power surges, Kroese adds, "Santam has extended the wording on the fire, buildingscombined, and office contents sections to include power surge cover as an insured peril on all AGRI policies with a limit of R50 000, with an option to increase (advisable). The same cover applies to homeowners and the house contents sections.

"The electronic section of the policy also includes cover due to power surges, but please note that any item insured under the machinery breakdown section needs to be insured as an item under the fire section of the policy for load-shedding damage relating to a power surge."

Most of the recent insurance claims lodged by farmers for losses resulting directly from loadshedding have been for business interruption following power surges.

Business interruption cover entails insurance for gross profits, gross revenue, and the additional increase in the cost of working. In recent years, this type of cover has specifically been extended to include loss or damage due to power surges.

Santam is also urging farmers and producers to invest in back-up fixed generators. All such installations must be done by qualified serviceprovider and comply with municipal bylaws.

Agbiz engages with agri role players

Over the past month, Agbiz has spent a great deal of time on the road and met with various Agbiz members and other role players in the agricultural sector.

"In most of our discussions, there was consistency in the themes and sets of issues that emerged. The need for the expansion of the export markets and much-needed effort to regain the existing ones, such as the European Union (EU), the need for improvements in logistics, including roads, rail, and ports, the need for agricultural finance, particularly developmental finance or flexible finance products for the new entrant farmers, and the need to build trust and accountability, as well as monitoring and evaluation of various sector plans.

These were the major issues that agricultural sector role players highlighted. These are also some of the themes that have dominated a lot of our recent publications," says Wandile Sihlobo, chief economist at Agbiz.

Firstly, the need for export markets has become even more urgent as agricultural output consistently improves and the country has limited capacity to absorb new produce. South Africa already exports half of its produce, in value terms. Therefore, the efforts of the Agriculture and Agro-processing Master Plan(AAMP) to boost production must emphasise the expansion of the export markets. As we have previously pointed out, Japan, China, India, Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh, the Philippines, and South Korea are among some of the key markets in which South African agribusinesses are interested in expanding their presence.

Recent actions from the EU and China (two of the largest export destinations currently) to place non-tariff barriers, hurting South Africa's interests and export activities, highlight the importance of diversifying destination markets. Resolving the nontariff barriers challenge or expansion to new markets



is not a job for the private sector or organised agriculture alone. The government should work hand-in-hand with industry stakeholders in creating a "South Africa Inc." plan for widening exports. The building blocks for such a plan are already in the AAMP. Still, given the urgency of this matter, South Africa needs a dedicated working group that will champion the expansion of the country's agriculture exports and work towards servicing the existing markets to avoid challenges such as the constraints faced by the citrus industry in the EU or wool in China.

Secondly, the need for network industries' improvements was highlighted as there haven't been material improvements, particularly on roads. The agricultural sector role players are in regular conversations with Transnet regarding the effectiveness and efficiency of the ports. So far, Transnet has been open to engagements and efficient in resolving challenges such as rebuilding the Port of Durban following the destructive floods.

Going forward, private sector role players want to explore possibilities of better partnerships in the various nodes of the ports, which could help improve efficiencies, not only for agriculture, but also for a range of industries such as mining and the automobile sector, among others.

Thirdly, agricultural finance is another topic that has received attention in various engagements. This encompasses the blended finance programme led by the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD), which should be open to all agribusinesses and financial institutions, and separately, the Land Bank, which could also



play a key role in supporting new entrant farmers to the sector, as well as the existing commercial farmers.

This area will require increased focus during phase two of implementing the AAMP. Still, the blended finance instrument from the government should include all agribusinesses and financial institutions in the sector. At the same time, the government should also support the reform of a critical developmental finance institution, i.e. the Land Bank, which has a long history in the sector.

As we have argued previously, the goal should be to build agricultural finance instruments that help grow the agriculture and agribusiness sectors of "South Africa Inc.".

Fourthly, the broad issues of 'trust', 'accountability', and 'monitoring and evaluation' are all key to building credibility. This includes trust among the sector role players and with the government. The first step in building trust will be to deliver on promises regarding various aspects affecting the sector. The government can lead in this effort by implementing reforms outlined in the AAMP, particularly the parts that do not require capital spending but legislative amendments.

These could include aspects of agricultural products standards (around the thorny issue of assignees that the industry does not desire or view as value-adding to the sector) and aspects of Act 36 (there is already work underway, which could be accelerated), and intensifying efforts to open more export markets for South African agriculture, as a few examples.

What should the government/DALRRD do in the near term?

- Implement all the regulatory interventions that require less capital and provide consistent updates to social partners.
- Reprioritise the DALRRD budget in line with the AAMP interventions. This will signal the government's commitment to ensuring the plan's success.
- Support state entities such as Transnet to improve effectiveness at the ports.
- Work closely with the National Treasury to resolve

the Land Bank's financial challenges so that the bank can play an influential role as outlined in the AAMP.

- Intensify efforts to open more export markets for South African agriculture.
- Release land in the government's hand to new beneficiaries with long-term tradable land rights or title deeds.
- Root out corruption at various levels within the Department to ensure the effectiveness and efficiency of staff.

What should the private sector do?

- Build trust among the various farmer organisations and agribusiness to have a unanimous private sector voice that speaks to the government.
- Recognise the need for collaborative efforts in rebuilding South Africa and expanding the agriculture and agribusiness sectors. This could be through a partnership with new entrant farmers in the development programmes of various commodity organisations.
- Showcase and expand partnership programmes that have proven successful in various commodities and parts of the country.

These are not exhaustive, but we believe are interventions that could move the needle in terms of translating the ideas on paper in various plans into tangible projects that could contribute to the growth and job creation in South Africa's agriculture.

In summary, Sihlobo says that South Africa's agricultural sector faces numerous challenges, which are now well understood by both the government and various industry stakeholders. South Africa needs a plan of action, particularly on the four areas of interventions that were consistently outlined in various farmer and agribusinesses engagements we had. "Notably, these haven't changed from aspects that bothered sector role players a year ago, which means we haven't moved the needle. As agriculture is one of the sectors that will help grow the economy, there needs to be increased attention to the reforms necessary to unlock inclusive growth, and consequently job creation."

RSA Group CEO announced as new IFPA Chairperson



IFPA Country Council

Anton Kruger, chief executive officer (CEO) of the South African Fresh Produce Exporters' Forum (FPEF), Matome Ramokgopa, general manager at Enza Zaden South Africa Commercial, Lucien Jansen, CEO of the Perishable Products Export Control Board (PPECB), Gerhard Stander, director for retail and agriculture at CHEP Sub-Saharan Africa; Piet Prinsloo of ZZ2; Clive Garrett, marketing manager at ZZ2, Adolf Kieviet, joint managing director of Freshworld, Trevor Dukes, CEO of The Fruit Farm Group (TFFGSA), Willie Jacobs, CEO of Potatoes South Africa, Jaco Oosthuizen, CEO of the RSA Group, Jane Strijdom, marketing and membership manager at the International Fresh Produce Association (IFPA) Southern Africa, Vito Polera, national buyer at Food Lover's Market, and Karidas Tshintsholo, founder and CEO of Khula!

Jaco Oosthuizen, CEO of RSA Group, has been announced as the new chairperson of the International Fresh Produce Association (IFPA) Southern Africa Country Council, a position he will hold for the next three years.

Trevor Dukes, outgoing chairperson and CEO of the Fruit Farm Group South Africa (TFFGSA), handed over to Oosthuizen at the IFPA VIP membersonly reception held on the eve of the inaugural IFPA Southern Africa Conference on 16 August in Cape Town. On 1 January this year, the Produce Marketing Association (PMA) and United Fresh created the International Fresh Produce Association (IFPA) by combining their resources and knowledge to better serve the industry as one association. IFPA is the largest industry association serving the entire fresh produce and floral supply chain.

Reflecting on the last three years, Dukes said it was a privilege to act as chairperson of the SA Country Council and to serve on the IFPA global board. He said IFPA SA is a unique organisation that cuts across all commodities and all facets of the fresh produce supply chain to serve the industry and its members.

Dukes thanked the Country Council for their support during his term. He wished Oosthuizen well and said he does not doubt that he will successfully lead the Country Council and the Association with the same commitment and passion he has displayed throughout his long career in the South African fresh produce industry.

In his acceptance speech, Oosthuizen referred to the extraordinary leadership that Dukes showed since the start of the COVID-pandemic and how he succeeded in keeping the country council together, keeping them motivated, and maintaining connections through virtual gatherings.

"Despite the effect of the pandemic on the fresh produce sector, IFPA Southern Africa sustained its membership and added value for members. The opportunity to build on this excellent foundation was one of the inspirations for me to step up and accept the position," Oosthuizen concluded.



GENERAL AND INDUSTRY NEWS

Emseni Farming: Teaching young people to plant vegetables

Emseni Farming has expanded its community outreach programmes to include a youth development project that is aimed at teaching the youth how to plant vegetables in small gardens in their homes.

The farming project collaborates with the then Office of the Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, Sihle Zikalala. Approximately 3 000 youngsters who attended a youth conference in July at the KwaZisabantu Mission were given seedlings to kick off their vegetable gardens at their homes. This forms part of Emseni's youth empowerment programme for young people in its immediate rural areas.

Emseni Farming is situated in the bigger Kranskop area in KwaZulu-Natal where jobs are scarce and most of the communities have to rely on agriculture to make a living. Emseni's programme is practical and aims to address the challenges of the lack of job opportunities and poverty by teaching the youth the skills that are needed to help themselves as an alternative to depending on grants for a living. They showed them how to plant vegetables and care for them.

The former Premier attended the event during the youth conference and shared a powerful message with the youngsters. He explained to them that they are the future of South Africa, and they should also



start taking responsibility for and properly prepare for their future.

He said the youth has an important role to play in making sure they take care of their physical needs as well as their spiritual needs, and they should stay away from harmful things such as drugs and premature sexual activities that can bring them into trouble. "You must give yourselves time to grow up, enjoy the process and become responsible adults that can participate responsibly in a better society", the Premier said.

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Dietmar Joosten, farm manager of Emseni, has implemented the youth development programme recently and kicked it off on 7 July in collaboration with the Premier. He showed the young people a video of how to prepare a small garden in their backyards, including how to fertilise it and plant the seedlings. The film also demonstrated how they can use empty plastic bottles to create a mini hothouse that will keep the young plants healthy while they grow.

"I want to encourage you to grow your vegetable gardens so you can help care for your families", Joosten said. "In this way, you can help yourselves, and you can also help others. Maybe you can later pursue careers in food security".

"I am making 15 000 seedlings available that will be equally divided among all of you present here today", he said. "I challenge you to plant it at your own homes. You only need a small piece covered with soil

to do that. You must take pictures while you plant your seedlings. We want to see how you did it. You must give them water regularly in the same way we showed you how to do. And, when your plants are fully grown, you have to take pictures of them again and send them to us. The first 100 pictures we will see on the cell number which we have provided to you, will receive a prize. Write down this number and keep it safe so you can send us your pictures. You are up against the Premier who will also be given some seedlings to plant. Let's see whose vegetables are the biggest – yours or that of the Premier."

Joosten said we all can teach young people how to farm, even if it is on a very small scale. Agriculture is one sector in which South Africa's youth can find meaningful employment and the sooner they start learning how to do it, the better it gets. "Subsistence



farming, where community members produce enough for themselves and also their neighbours, is one of the productive ways in which young people can start from a very young age to make the greatest impact".

Young people make up a huge portion of South African communities. The younger they start, the more successful the country will be in helping communities to help themselves. Emseni has been working for over 52 years to help local community members in underresourced areas grow their food.

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"This is a great way to motivate the youth to farm and take care of their own needs, as opposed to expecting others to care for them. It can also motivate them to venture into agriculture. Farmers are crucial for food security, now and in the future, and some of the most vulnerable and marginalised smallholder farmers live in sub-Saharan Africa, among us," Joosten said.

Emseni's youth development programme is ongoing and not a once-off event. Youth conferences are held twice a year, where thousands of young people are visiting the farm for a week. One of the highlights of the programme is showing them how to start a small vegetable garden.

Emseni Farming, situated on a 550 ha piece of land between Stanger and Greytown in Kranskop, Kwa-ZuluNatal (KZN), has over the years created a

blueprint for sustainable farming that has impacted the way people are farming. Since it was founded over half a century ago, its main purpose has been to benefit the rural community.

Emseni is a farm where the community and farm owners work together for sustainable farming that benefits all the stakeholders. The youngsters are now part of their outreach programme to teach local communities how to farm.

They offer resources, training, and support to help them develop and support food gardens in their backyards. They also teach them techniques and skills to boost their production.

This project is not only aimed at encouraging young people to join the agricultural sector but to take responsibility for their food needs, start small, and grow vegetable gardens in their backyards for food security in future.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

Africa Agri Tech 2023 dates announced

Sun Arena, Menlyn Maine, Pretoria 14–16 March 2023



Due to continued global uncertainties on a number of fronts, we have made the difficult decision to postpone the Africa Agri Tech Conference and Exhibition to **14–16 March 2023**.

This will ensure that we are able to stage and host an event that provides southern Africa's agricultural leaders, technology innovators, scientists, farmers, researchers, and policy makers with a world-class event and global representation.

The inaugural Africa Agri Tech Conference and Exhibition held in February 2020 at the Sun Arena, Menlyn Maine, firmly established the event as the foremost meeting point for southern Africa's agricultural ecosystem to explore the latest trends, innovations, and discoveries in agricultural science and technology, and to examine their future impact on agriculture.

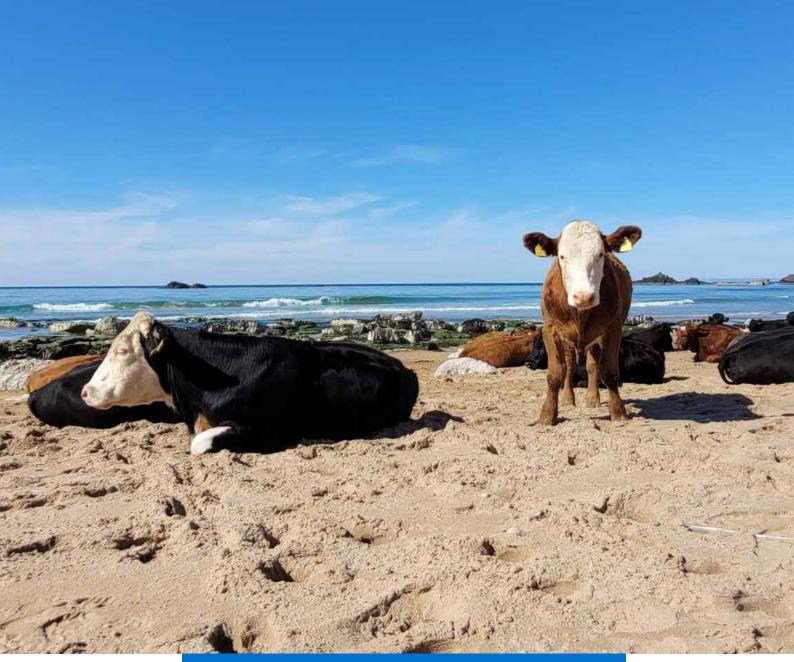
Participation opportunities include:

- exhibiting and/or showcasing products and services in line with the theme and categories;
- taking up sponsorship positions from the sponsorship menu;
- · opportunity for foreign trade discussions;

• venture capital pitches by start-ups and innovators; speaker opportunities; and hosting clients to the event as delegates, and/or hospitality opportunities.

Join us at the Sun Arena, Menlyn Maine, Pretoria, from **14–16 March 2023** to connect with agri-tech developers, food innovators, investors, market leaders, and industry experts as they explore the impact of science, data, technology, climate-smart agriculture, and more on the agri sector at large.

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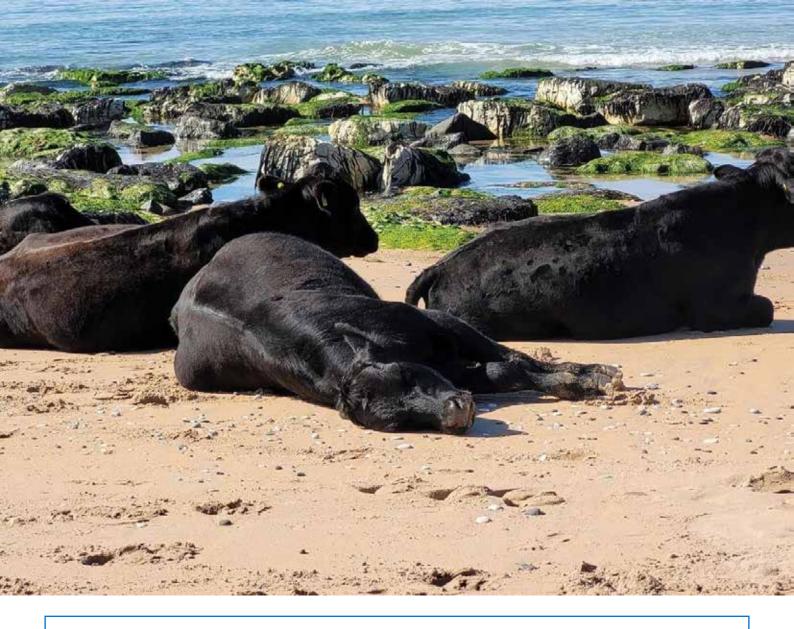
This month's photos come from Ireland from of our IFAJ friends, Chris McCullough. Chris remarked after his morning cycle trip: "There were a few babes on the beach today basking in the sun ... bovine babes, that is!



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