

Key African agri experts lined up for African Agri Investment Indaba 2017

The second annual African Agri Investment Indaba (AAIL) - held in November 2017 - will see prominent experts in the African agriculture sector address over 600 key stakeholders.



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Speakers will discuss real market opportunities across the various African regions, Africa's role in global food security, agriculture at the core of the economic diversification agenda and improving the investment environment for African agriculture.

Delegates will have the opportunity to hear from over 40 world-class agri-experts including:

- **Hon. Willy Bett**, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Kenya
- **Nhlanhla Nene**, Resident Advisor, Thebe Investment Corporation. South Africa (former Minister of Finance, South Africa)
- **H.E. Erastus Mwencha**, Former Secretary-General of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa and former Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission. Kenya

- **Dr. Nigel Chanakira**, Chairman and Group Executive, Riskflow Group, Kingdom Financial Holdings Ltd, Success Motivation Institute. Zimbabwe

- **Tim Harris**, Chief Executive Officer, WESGRO, South Africa

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“As the world looks to Africa as a solution to global food security concerns, the continents’ agri-sector is fast becoming the panacea of the investment world especially with the recent decline in commodity investment returns. The agriculture sector is yielding exceptionally exciting opportunities and pipelines.

Food security is now being translated into an investable option for investors and financiers. Agriculture has been identified as a long-term opportunity to increase investors’ allocation to real assets and the agribusiness value chain need to be ready to take advantage of the disruption,” says Ben Leyka, executive director, African Agri Council.

The African Agri Investment Indaba (AAII) 2017, taking place from the 20 – 22 November 2017 at the CTICC in Cape Town, is a key meeting place for investment in Africa’s agri and agro-processing sectors attracting over 600 international investors, bankers, governments, farmers, project owners. This unique mix of decision makers from across the African agricultural value chain provides a convenient platform for effective deal making.

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