

Mobilising investment and finance for Africa's agri sector

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[The African Agri Council](#), in partnership with **Wesgro** and the **Western Cape Department of Agriculture**, brings the [African Agri Investment Indaba \(AAIL\)](#) to Cape Town, South Africa, on 28-30 November 2016.



The Indaba is a key meeting place for investment in Africa's agricultural and agro-processing sectors attracting over 600 international investors, bankers, governments, farmers and project owners. This unique mix of decision makers from across the African agri value-chain provides a convenient platform for effective deal making.

"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 of the African Agri Council who organises the event.

Delegates will have the opportunity to hear from 40 world class Agri experts such as Dr. John Purchase the CEO of Agricultural Business Chamber; Dr. Yemi Akinbami the Executive Director of Ghana's Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa; Mohsin Cajee the Investment Principal of Old Mutual Private Equity, Old Mutual Investment Group and Stefan Sakoschek the Regional Director of EU Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Southern Africa and many more.

In addition, attendees will get to participate in a number of interactive panel discussions as well as in the "Investment Discovery Matchmaking" sessions where project owners and directors looking for investors will get the opportunity to pitch a robust panel of investors - a highlight of the Indaba.

Some of the heavyweight finance and investment companies already on board include Acorn Private Equity, Thebe Investment Corporation, JIC Holdings, Octopus Investments, FNB to name a few.

"We are building a platform where delegates can do more to accelerate investment into this sector," says Leyka.

The African Agri Investment Indaba is a must attend for any organisation and investor involved or interested in the African agri sector, whether seasoned or new entrant. Delegates can expect a number of opportunities to network with and learn from industry heavyweights and pioneers to transform new ideas into action.