



CGDC GROWER INDABA

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11-12 September, Birchwood Hotel & OR Tambo Conference Centre

Programme director: Dr Mono Mashaba

Indaba Programme

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Session	Title	Speaker	Time	Duration	End time
Thursday, 11 September 2025					
	Registrations Open: 08h00		08:00:00		
1	Word of welcome	Paul Hardman COO of Citrus Growers' Association	09:00:00	15:00	09:15:00
	Opening address	Mzo Makhanya Chairperson of the CGDC	09:15:00	30:00	09:45:00
	Keynote address	Mooketsa Ramasodi Director General of the DoA	09:45:00	45:00	10:30:00
Morning tea			10:30:00	20:00	10:50:00
2	Building a Brighter and Inclusive Citrus Industry	Mdumiseni Khumalo Commercial manager, Sun World International	10:50:00	30:00	11:20:00
	Breaking Barriers for Success	Karidas Tshintsholo CEO, Khula!	11:20:00	40:00	12:00:00
	The Journey to Sustainable Transformation in the Citrus Industry (Presentation on Proposed New Transformation Fund)	Lukhanyo Nkombisa General manager, CGA GDC	12:00:00	30:00	12:30:00
Lunch			12:30:00	01:00:00	13:30:00
3	Department of Rural Development	Hon Mzwanele Nyhontso Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development	13:30:00	15:00	13:45:00
	Department of Small Enterprise Development and Finance Agency	Nkosikhona Mbatha Acting Chief Executive Officer, SEDFA	13:45:00	15:00	14:00:00
	Wrap-up and announcement of closed session		14:00:00	05:00	14:05:00
Afternoon tea			14:05:00	25:00	14:30:00
4 - Closed Grower Session	Review and adoption of CGDC constitution and terms of reference	Mzo Makhanya Chairperson of the CGDC	14:30:00	30:00	15:00:00
	Feedback by regional CGDC representatives		15:00:00	01:00:00	16:00:00
	Election of new CGDC leadership		16:00:00	01:00:00	17:00:00
	Announcement of new CGDC members and executive committee		17:00:00	15:00	17:15:00
	Closing remarks	Mzo Makhanya Chairperson of the CGDC	17:15:00	15:00	17:30:00
Close of Day 1					17:30:00
Gala Dinner			19:00:00		
Friday, 12 September 2025					
5	Address by CGA CEO	Dr Boitshoko Ntshabale CEO of Citrus Growers' Association	09:00:00	15:00	09:15:00
	Government Support and Public-Private Partnerships to Enhance Participation in the Citrus Industry Value Chain to Achieve Inclusive Growth for a Thriving Agricultural Future	Hon John Steenhuisen Minister of Agriculture	09:15:00	45:00	10:00:00
	Turning the Tide - The Citrus Industry Transformation Strategy	Paul Hardman COO of Citrus Growers' Association	10:00:00	30:00	10:30:00
Morning tea			10:30:00	20:00	10:50:00
6	Implementing the Citrus Industry Transformation Strategy - CGA	Paul Hardman COO of Citrus Growers' Association	10:50:00	15:00	11:05:00
	Implementing the Citrus Industry Transformation Strategy - CGA GDC	Andrew Mbedzi Production and Technical Manager of CGA GDC	11:05:00	15:00	11:20:00
	Implementing the Citrus Industry Transformation Strategy - Citrus Academy	Jacomien de Klerk General manager of Citrus Academy	11:20:00	15:00	11:35:00
	Video Clips from Growers		11:35:00	10:00	11:45:00
	Closing remarks	Mzo Makhanya Chairperson of the CGDC	11:45:00	15:00	12:00:00
Close of Day 2					12:00:00
Lunch, networking and departure			12:00:00		