

## Investing in African Agriculture takes centre stage in Cape Town next week

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CAPE TOWN, WESTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA, November 17, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The second <u>African Agri Investment Indaba</u> will take place at the Cape Town International Convention Centre from 20 to 22 November 2017. In partnership with Wesgro and the Western Cape Department of Agriculture, the event will unite over 600 key stakeholders from governments, agri-businesses, investors, banks, financiers, project owners and the agro-processing industry.

The three day event begins with a pre-conference workshop on Monday 20 November 2017 presented by Wesgro's CEO - Tim Harris. The workshop will explore investing in the African halal manufacturing industry and cover regulations and government support, halal certification and standardisation as well as producing for export to meet the global market.

Two conference streams will be running on 21 and 22 November, allowing attendees to choose the sessions of most interest to them. Some of the topics to be addressed in the programme include Africa's role in global food security, improving the investment environment for African agriculture, boosting intra-regional trade to improve food security in North and West Africa, financing the food and agribusiness value chain, driving economies of scale to ensure sustainability and financing the agro-industrialisation revolution in Africa, amongst others.

Over 65 esteemed experts feature in the conference programme next week, including:

Hon. Abubakar Sani Bello - Governor, Niger State Government, Nigeria Hon. Willy Bett - Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock & Fisheries, Kenya Hon. Minister George Kazadi Kabongo - Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, DRC MEC Alan Winde - Minister of Economic Opportunities, Western Cape Government, South Africa His Royal Majesty Orcivirigh Professor James Ortese Iorzua Avatse - Tor Tiv V, Tor Tiv Palace. **GBOKO-BENUE STATE**, Nigeria Dr. Chimimba David Phiri - Subregional Coordinator for Southern Africa, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Ghana Dr. Nigel Chanakira - Chairman and Group Executive, Riskflow Group, Kingdom Financial Holdings Ltd, Success Motivation, Zimbabwe Dr. Yemi Akinbamijo - Executive Director, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA), Ghana Nhlanhla Nene - Resident Advisor, Thebe Investment Corporation, South Africa Helen Zille - Premier, Western Cape, South Africa Dr. Theo De Jager - President, World Farmers Association Christian Dunbar - Deputy City Treasurer, City of Philadelphia, USA Rafael Flor - Director: YieldWise, The Rockefeller Foundation Cristina Miranda Gozalvez - Deputy Head of Unit, Unit "Global Issues and relations with ACP", DG Agriculture & Rural Development, European Commission Itai Melchior - Head of Trade and Economic Mission, Embassy of Israel in South Africa, South Africa Paul Andrew - Chief Executive Officer, Cros Agro Allied Ltd, Nigeria

Sheikh Noor Ullah - Global Head of Agriculture, Acumen, Pakistan And many more...

In addition to a dynamic exhibition area with over 50 exhibitors, attendees will benefit from excellent networking opportunities, including an evening networking reception on Tuesday 21 November 2017 hosted by Webber Wentzel.

Attendees can further maximise their networking at the event by utilising a personalised matchmaking service whereby one-on-one meetings are pre-arranged with other selected attendees on the exhibition floor. Currently over 100 meetings have been scheduled by the matchmaking team, ensuing attendees make the most of their time at the event and get dedicated time with potential clients and partners.

The Investment Discovery Sessions (IDS) will also take place on the exhibition floor - the IDS, which is by invitation only, links accredited investors with agri businesses from across the value chain, allowing agri executives to present their projects to qualified investors in a private setting. This year 35 green- and brown-field projects from 11 African countries will be pitched to the investors.

For more information, go to www.agri-indaba.com

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