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MEDIA ADVISORY

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MPUMALANGA HOSTS CLIMATE-SMART AGRICULTURE DIALOGUE

The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development in collaboration with the Mpumalanga Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs (DARDLEA) will host a Provincial Climate-Smart Agriculture Dialogue to share experiences in agricultural resilience and adaptation to natural disasters.

It is projected by the Food and Agriculture Organization that the world's population will increase to over 9 billion people by 2050 and, as a result, feeding people in the decades to come will require ingenuity and innovation to produce more food on less land in more sustainable ways. To meet the increasing demands of food, countries and global role players will be required to develop new strategies and climate-smart actions to increase agricultural production by enhancing the resilience of agricultural and food production systems to eliminate hunger and reduce poverty. Collaborative and collective efforts are required by countries to address these challenges, taking into consideration climate change is a cross-cutting issue and affects us all.

The effects of climate change are, especially, detrimental for agriculture. Agriculture is the most significant user of water (via irrigation), making it subject to changes in water availability, increased water pollution and soil erosion from more severe rainfall events and higher evapotranspiration. Owing to their limited ability to adjust to climate change, smallholder, small-scale and under-resourced farmers are particularly susceptible to its effects.



It is against this background that that the Mpumalanga MEC for Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs, Ms Nompumelelo Hlophe, invites the media to the dialogue wherein experts from both the public and private sectors, including organised agriculture, will debate climate-smart agriculture and strategies that will render food production systems more resilient to reduce the generation of greenhouse gas emissions and to maintain food security.

Media houses are invited as follows:

Date : 5–6 November 2024

Venue : The Capitol (Mbombela)

Time : 08:00

Kindly confirm attendance with Ms Rose Mushwana on 079 889 6120/rose.mushwana@dalrrd.gov.za

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