



## SACAU 2011 Policy Conference

“GMOs IN AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT - PERSPECTIVES OF FARMERS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA”

16-17 May 2011

RIVIERA on Vaal Hotel & Country Club, Vereeniging, South Africa

### PROGRAMME

Time	Session	Session Chair
<b>DAY 1 – Monday 16 May</b>		
8:00 - 8:30	Introductions	Facilitator
8:30 - 8:40	Welcome and opening of the Policy Conference Mr D Taylor-Freeme (President of SACAU)	Facilitator
8:40 - 9:00	Address by: COMESA, ACTESA and SADC	Chair: Mr D Taylor-Freeme (President of SACAU)
9:00 - 9:15	<b>Setting the Scene and Conference Objectives</b> Mr Ishmael Sunga (SACAU CEO)	Chair: Mr D Taylor-Freeme (President of SACAU)
9:15 - 9:40	<b>Presentation of Paper:</b> The Role of Biotechnology to Enhance Sustainable Agricultural Production, Productivity and Farmer Incomes. Mr Enock Chikava: President, African Seed Trade Association (AFSTA)	Chair: Mr D Taylor-Freeme (President of SACAU)
9:40 - 10:40	Plenary Discussion	
10:40 - 11:10	<b>TEA BREAK</b>	
11:10 - 11:35	<b>Presentation of Paper:</b> GM agriculture – promises or problems for farming in South Africa? Mr Glenn Ashton & Mr Lawrence Mkhalihi, Biowatch South Africa.	Chair: Mr D Taylor-Freeme (President of SACAU)
11:35 - 12:35	Plenary Discussion	
12:35 - 14:00	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	
14:00 - 14:25	<b>Presentation of Paper:</b> Developments in Agricultural GM Technologies for Africa Dr Hennie Groenwald: Executive Manager, Biosafety SA and Lecturer University of Stellenbosch	Chair: Mr Shamte (SACAU Vice President)
14:25– 15:25	Plenary Discussion	
15:25 – 15:55	<b>TEA BREAK</b>	

15:55– 16:20	<b>Presentation of Paper:</b> International trade and market access issues related to genetically modified organisms: a developing country perspective Mr Fundira, Researcher, Trade Law Centre for Southern Africa	Chair: Mr Shamte (SACAU Vice President)
16:20 – 17:20	Plenary Discussion	
17:20- 17:30	Closing day 1	Facilitator

## DAY 2 – Tuesday 17 May

8:15 – 9:00	Welcome and Recap on Day 1	Facilitator
9:00 -9:25	<b>Presentation of Paper:</b> Fourteen years of GM crops in South Africa - lessons for the rest of Southern Africa Marnus Gouse; University of Pretoria	Chair: Mr Lutangu Mukuti (COMESA/ACTESA)
9:25 – 10:25	Plenary Discussion	
10:25- 10:50	<b>TEA BREAK</b>	
10: 50 – 11:15	<b>Presentation of Paper:</b> Agricultural Finance and GMOs - Agricultural Finance within an Ever Changing Technology Environment. Mr Hans Balyamujura, General Manager, AgriBusiness Africa, Absa Business Bank.	Chair: Dr Theo de Jager (SACAU Board member)
11:15 – 11:45	Plenary Discussion	
11:45- 12:10	<b>Presentation of Paper:</b> The existing policy framework on GMOs in the region Mr Walter Green: Acting CEO, AfricaBio	Chair: SADC ( <i>to be confirmed</i> )
12:10 – 13:00	Plenary Discussion	
13:00 – 14:15	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	
14:15 – 15 :30	Wrap-up and closing	Facilitator, President

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