

Fit for the future

The Citrus Growers' Association (CGA) Board has resolved to apply for membership of the Agricultural Business Chamber (AgBiz). The decision to join AgBiz was due to the close alignment of both entities' key objectives, the involvement of AgBiz in market access, government policy and transformation activities. In a statement CGA says it looks forward to being an active participant in the activities of AgBiz.

The 2016 biennial congress of Agbiz, to be held next month, is one of the major events on the South African food, feed, fibre and wine sectors' agenda. This event is seen as a premier agribusiness networking opportunity where top speakers, agribusiness leaders and policymakers meet to shape the future of our broader agro-food industry.

According to CEO of Agbiz Dr John Purchase, the congress is open to all interested parties and will provide delegates with insight into topics such as the local and global economic situation, land reform, transformation, trade developments, energy solutions, water security and socio-economic scenarios for South Africa.

“Our keynote speaker, Mr Lesetja Kganyago, Governor of the South African Reserve Bank, will share perspectives on the South African economy and indicate the economic path South Africa needs to follow to ensure significant inclusive growth in an environment of relatively low and stable inflation. Mr Kganyago's presentation will provide a look into the real economic challenges faced by South Africa, such as depressed GDP growth rates, unemployment, investment downgrades and policy impact on the investment environment, depreciation of the rand and inflation, including food inflation,” says Purchase.

This year Agbiz will for the first time host a pre-congress workshop, on 31 May which will be focussing on the implementation of B-BBEE strategies, in line with the new AgriBEE Sector Code, that are imperative for inclusive growth. The workshop themed transforming leadership in agribusiness, will also focus on ownership solutions, skills development, enterprise and supplier development.

For further information and registration, visit www.agbiz.co.za/congress-2016, email admin@agbiz.co.za or phone 012 807 6686.

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