

Grain Symposium

20 - 23 September 2021

Programme

Monday, 20 September

09:00: **Chairperson: Opening and welcome:** Tom Meintjes, Vice chairperson: Agbiz Grain & Managing Director: Trading GWK (Ltd)

09:05: **Message:** Jannie de Villiers, Former CEO: Grain SA

09:20: **Panel discussion: The cost of grain storage beyond 2021**

Facilitator: Prof Johann Kirsten, Director: Bureau of Economic Research

- **Future trends in the cost of finance:** Nicky Weimar, Nedbank Group Chief Economist
- **Introduction to the Grain Storage Cost Index:** Nicolaas van der Wath, Economist: Bureau of Economic Research
- **Perspective on recent storage cost increases:** Tom Meintjes, Vice chairperson: Agbiz Grain & Managing Director: Trading GWK (Ltd)
- **Future trends in administered electricity prices:** Ted Blom, Consultant
- **Future trends in the pricing of risk:** Philippa Wild, HEAD Commercial Underwriting: Santam

11:05: **Concluding comments:** Prof Johann Kirsten

11:10: **Closure:** Tom Meintjes

Tuesday, 21 September

09:00: **Chairperson: Opening and welcome:** Jerry Maritz, Chairperson: Agbiz Grain & Managing Director: AFGRI Grain Management

09:05: **Message:** Jannie de Villiers, Former CEO: Grain SA

09:25: **Panel discussion: Opportunities and challenges faced by the storage sector**

Facilitator: Dr John Purchase. CEO: Agbiz Grain

- **A grain storage sector perspective:** Jerry Maritz, Chairperson: Agbiz Grain & Managing Director: AFGRI Grain Management
- **Perspective by the milling sector:** Arie Wessels, Pioneer Foods

- **Perspective from a feed manufacturer's point of view:** Heiko Köster, Director: Kaonne Investments and Chairperson: AFMA Trade Committee
 - **An oilseed processor's perspective:** Dr Erhard Briedenhann, CEO, MIDS & Director: Protein Research Foundation
 - **Perspective from the primary producer:** Derek Mathews, Chairperson: Grain SA
- 11:05: **Concluding comments:** Dr John Purchase
- 11:10: **Closure:** Tom Meintjes

Wednesday, 22 September

- 09:00: **Chairperson: Opening and welcome:** Awie Kriel, Kaap Agri, Exco member Agbiz Grain & Regional Manager Operational: Commodities, Kaap Agri
- 09:05: **Message:** Jannie de Villiers, Former CEO: Grain SA
- 09:25: **Panel discussion: Future technological advances beyond 2021**
- Facilitator:** Prof Ferdi Meyer, Managing Director: BFAP
- **The development of Information Communication Technology tools (Sensors and models) to manage mycotoxins in the EU value chain:** Dr Cheng Liu and Prof Ine van der Fels-Klerx, Wageningen University, Wageningen, The Netherlands
 - **Digital quality determination and cultivar identification:** Jaap Rommelaar, Co-Founder: Zoom Agri, Madrid, Spain
 - **Advances in mycotoxin scrubbing:** Malcolm Holman, Managing Director, Agri-Enviro Solutions, Centurion, South Africa
 - **Role of smart sensing technologies on artificial intelligence platforms:** Ferdinand Meyer, Ronin Group Sales and Marketing Manager, Johannesburg, South Africa
 - **Exploring the composition of microbiota of stored grains using next generation DNA sequence technology:** Francois Smit, CenGen, Operational Manager
- 11:05: **Concluding comments:** Prof Ferdi Meyer
- 11:10: **Closure:** Awie Kriel

Thursday, 23 September

- 09:00: **Chairperson: Opening and welcome:** Barnie de Klerk, Exco member, Agbiz Grain & Chief Executive Manager: Grain, TWK Agri
- 09:05: **Message:** Jannie de Villiers, Former CEO: Grain SA
- 09:25: **Panel discussion: Grain and oilseed markets outlook beyond 2021**
- **Facilitator:** Wandile Sihlobo, Chief Economist, Agbiz, Pretoria
 - Arlan Suderman, Chief Commodities Economist, StoneX, New York, USA
 - Dr Werner Rossouw, Director: Silostrat, Welkom, South Africa
 - Barnie de Klerk, Exco member: Agbiz Grain & Chief Executive Manager: Grain, TWK Agri
- 11:05: **Concluding comments:** Wandile Sihlobo
- 11:10: **Closure:** Barnie de Klerk



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