

PROGRAMME

2018

**52ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN SOCIETY FOR
AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION**



**SYNERGISING AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICES TOWARDS
THE COMMERCIALISATION OF SMALLHOLDER PRODUCERS.**

Premier Hotel East London ICC, Marine Park Complex,
22 Esplanade, Beachfront, East London, Eastern Cape.
5 – 7 JUNE 2018

Monday, 4 June 2018

13:00 – 18:00	Early Registration	
14:00 – 15:30	Side Event - Creating and presenting effective presentations.	Mrs. Ineke Vorster
15:30 – 16:00	TEA BREAK	
16:00 – 17:30	Side Event - Preparing and presenting of a poster.	Mrs. Ineke Vorster
17:00 – 19:00	Board Meeting	
	Supper: Own arrangements	

TUESDAY, 5 JUNE 2018

OPENING SESSION – Chairperson: Ms. Mantombi Mbongo

08:00 – 09:00	LATE REGISTRATION	
09:00 – 09:10	Scriptures and Prayer	
	Rev. L Mantini	
09:10 – 09:20	Welcome	
	<i>Mr K. L. Moodley – President SASAE</i>	
09:20 – 09:30	Welcome to Eastern Cape Province	
	<i>Hon Executive Mayor of Amathole District Municipality: Councillor. N W Nxawe</i>	
09:30 – 10:00	Official Opening of the 52 nd SASAE Conference	
	<i>Hon MEC: Mr. X Nqatha Department of Rural Development & Agrarian Reform.</i>	
10:00 – 10:30	Keynote Speaker: Mr J. B. Van Den Berg	
10:30 – 11:00	TEA BREAK	

FIRST SESSION- Chairperson: Mr Humphrey Khwidzhili

11:00 – 11:30	Mr. L. De Beer (National Wool Growers Association). Development and transformation in agriculture through partnerships: How does the NWGA commercialise communal wool sheep producers?	
11:30 – 12:00	Prof. N. Monde (University of Fort Hare) Commercialisation of smallholder farmers: A reality of a myth?	
12:00 – 12:30	Dr. V. Mahlathi, Ivili Lobova (FEA winner) Role of extension in farming enterprise and activities contributing to sustainable food security	
12:30 – 12:45	Discussion session	
12:45 – 13:45	LUNCH BREAK	

SECOND SESSION

	<i>Chairperson: Mrs. T Mosadi</i>	<i>Chairperson: Ms. P N Z Mpangane</i>	<i>Chairperson: Mr. M D Magoro</i>
13:45 – 14:15	Understanding the smallholder farmer's attitude towards commercialisation of indigenous goats at Umvoti area, Kwazulu Natal. S.S. Qulu., T. Mnguni & P. Hlatshwayo.	Commercialisation of Mqanduli maize projects towards poverty alleviation (KSD local municipality): A case study of Mqanduli Red Hub. T.V. Magqaza	Evaluation of an instrument for the assessment of farming operations to enhance commercialization J.G. Theron
14:20 – 14:50	The use of PurEst application to commercialise small-scale sugarcane farmers through synergised extension.	Assessment of the attitude and challenges to expected performance of extension	Farmers' perceptions of the impact of bush encroachment at Sheshegu village of the Eastern Cape.

	P.M. Ngcobo., Q. Gida., L.H. Mkhungo., S.C. Mnyandu., S. Nzimande., S. Hlela., R. Van Heerden., W. Gillespie & G.M. Mdunge.	agents: Evidence from Ondo State, Nigeria. T.O. Olorunfemi., O.D. Olorunfemi & A.O. Adekunle.	F. Luke., S. Tokozwayo & K. Mopipi.
14:55 – 15:25	The role of government in commercialisation of smallholder farmers in rural areas of post St Johns Municipality: O.R. Tambo region. D. Ncedo.	Guidelines for the commercialisation of smallholder sheep farming: Lessons from the Karoo for former homelands of the Eastern Cape. B. Conradie.	The climate smart and commercially astute extension professional. C.T. Kadzere.
15:30 – 16:00	Fall of the worm M.E. Bornman.	The role played by DRDAR parastatals towards commercialization of farmers (National wool growers, Case study Mbinja, Lujecweni and Mncetyana). B. Nguka.	Current approach to agricultural development in the Eastern Cape: From government assisted to commercial agriculture. M.A.T. Poswal.
16:00 – 16:30	TEA BREAK		
16:30 – 18:30	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING		
19:00	DINNER AT ICC EAST LONDON		

WEDNESDAY, 6 JUNE 2018

THIRD SESSION

	Chairperson: Dr. A Sonandi		
08:30 – 10:00	Poster Session: View posters and exhibitions.		
10:00 – 10:30	TEA BREAK		
10:30 – 11:00	Presentation of projects to be visited. Sixhenxe Co-operative & Ncera Macadamia Nut Projects: Ms. T Mbilini Siyavuselela Agricultural Co-operative & High Heaven Farm: Mr. M Gaga		
11:00 - 11:15	Get Lunch Packs and board busses		
11:15 – 18:00	11:15 Busses Leave 18:00 Busses Return		
19:00	BRAAI – ICC EAST LONDON.		

THURSDAY, 7 JUNE 2018

FOURTH SESSION

	Chairperson: Ms. J Mtungwa	Chairperson: Ms. S M Dube	Chairperson: Mr. S M Mogashoa
08:30 – 09:00	Readiness of the Swaziland sugar industry towards the use of ICT specifically cell phones to access information: Perceptions of smallholder sugarcane farmers and extension officers. M.M. Dlamini & S. Worth.	Shifting from subsistence farming to commercialisation (Case study of Gotyibeni maize project). M. Ntinzi.	Impact of developmental programmes on smallholder farmers of Bronkhorstpruit region in Tshwane municipality, Gauteng province. R.M. Chepape., M.D. Phasha., L.P. Mofokeng & D. Luseba.
09:05 – 09:35	My responsibilities as a registered extensionist with the South African Council for Natural Scientific Profession (SACNASP) and the South African Society for Agricultural Extension (SASAE) S.E. Terblanche.	The impact assessment of minimum tillage technology on small-scale farmers in Mhlontlo local Municipality (Lower Kroza and Samaria maize projects). N.E. Sifici & E.M. Zwane.	Paradigm shift for farmer development - Sicingimiso cooperative a model that have potential of amplifying the impact of economic growth through small holder farming.

09:40 – 10:10	The role of mentors in land reform projects supported through recapitalisation and development programme: Findings from Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality, Eastern Cape, South Africa. L. Maka & A. Michael.	Scavenging chicken production model for rural poverty reduction in the Eastern Cape province: A theoretical design for village system. S. Yusuf & O. Popoola.	B. Nduku The role of public-private partnerships in commercialisation of small scale irrigation farmers in Taung, North West Province. J.B. (Joe) Stevens.
10:15 – 10:45	An assessment of the roadmap to successful commercialisation of smallholder producers: Implications for both public policy and extension and advisory services in South Africa. N. Mthembu.	Adaptation technologies for livestock feed shortages for smallholder farmers: Extending the livestock infrastructure project of the agricultural research council. N. Majazi., M. De Vries., & M. Ayomoh.	The impact of conservation agriculture on farmers in the communal areas of the Ncobo District, Eastern Cape Province. S. Boyana & W.E. Ristow

10:45 – 11:15 TEA BREAK

FIFTH SESSION

	<i>Chairperson: Mr L P Mofokeng</i>	<i>Chairperson: Dr. R Bastian</i>	<i>Chairperson: Mr. M Macanda</i>
11:15 – 11:45	Brining awareness on commercialising livestock production in Taleni and Shweni communities, Chris Hani District Municipality, South Africa. N. Matyholo-Mapeyi., G. Nkohla N. Mlahlwa. M Ntengento & W Madlebe.	Analysis of linkages, challenges and prospects of optimising farmers' groups for commercialising agriculture in Swaziland. M.A. Dube., M.P. Dlamini., A.J. Farinde & A.F. Tsikati.	Farmer's perception of the capability of extension and advisory services in promoting rural economic development in Intsika Yethu Local municipality. N. Mtamzeli
11:50 – 12:20	Commercialization of smallholder goat producers through extension partnership interventions in Msinga. S. Maseko., N.T. Ntombela., T.L. Ngubane & P. Hlatshwayo.	Evaluation of Siyazondla food security programme in the Eastern Cape Province. N. Madwanyana.	Investigating challenges facing extension services and its impact on commercialisation of rural farmers: a case study of Qamata irrigation scheme, Intsika Yethu Local municipality at Chris Hani region, Eastern Cape. K.L. Xulubana
12:25 – 12:55	An impact assessment of the mechanization programme in developing Msinga farmers to commercial farming. H. Zondi., S. Sokhela., T. Ngubane & P. Hlatshwayo.	Enhancing farmers' agricultural extension outreach in university model villages through partnership. A. Oloruntoba.	Encroachment of rangelands by <i>Euryops floribundus</i> in Chris Hani Municipality. K. Booi
13:00 – 13:30	Enhancing the potential of women in family farming for poverty reduction and food security. V.A. Msila & T.P. Mkafula.	Tugela Ferry irrigation scheme as anchor of local economic development activities in Msinga, KwaZulu-Natal. N. Vilakazi., S. Dinga., T. Ngubane & P. Hlatshwayo.	Prevalence and seasonal changes in the population of gastrointestinal parasites of ovine and caprine on three different veld types in communal farming areas of the Eastern Cape. M. Dastile.

13:30 – 14:30 LUNCH BREAK

SIXTH SESSION

	Chairperson: Dr. A Chulayo	Chairperson: Dr. B Conradie	Chairperson: Mr. T L Mothwa
14:30 – 15:00	Smallholder Farmers' expectation and perception of service quality in commercial banking in Amathole District. A.A. Isaac	Them. "Synergizing agricultural extension services towards the commercialisation of smallholder producers". S. Mnyapha.	Species composition and biomass production in two communal coastal rangelands of the Eastern Cape province, South Africa. S. Matshawule
15:05 – 15:35	The impact of conservation agriculture to communal areas of Ngcobo farmers. S. Boyana.	Challenges of rural women participation in Cassava value-chain and its commercialization in Rivers State. I. Abali.	Commercialisation of smallholder farmers in South Africa: A myth or a reality? E.M. Zwane & E. Nekavambe
15:35 – 16:00 16:00-16:30	TEA BREAK	Economic impact of poor management of natural resources at Mhlontlo Local Municipality. S. Dikili & T.P. Mkafula.	Evaluation of South Africa's public agricultural extension in the context of sustainable agriculture. R. Khwidzhili & S. Worth.
16:35 -17:05		The role and impact of maize cropping programme on food security of smallholder farmers of Mzenge location in Flagstaff, Eastern Cape province. N. Somtsewu.	Commercialisation of emerging farmers and constraints towards commercialisation of rural farmers in the Eastern Cape. N. Mnguni.
18:30 for 19:00	GALA DINNER - Chairperson: G. Xaba		
	Welcome Address: Mr L.L. Ngada, HOD: Eastern Cape Department: Rural Development and Agrarian Reform		
	Entertainment:		
	Presentation of the New Board of SASAE: Ms M. Mbongo		
	Presentation of Awards: Ms S. Makola		
	Vote of Thanks: Prof E. Zwane		
FRIDAY, 8 JUNE 2018			
08:00 – 10:00	BREAKFAST AT YOUR ACCOMMODATION / DEPARTURE		