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REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL MASTERPLAN

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BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

- The KZN Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) has undergone numerous changes in its administrative policies and programmes causing some concerns about its ability to really contribute to the unlocking of the Province's agricultural potential.
- The Province seeks to develop a provincial Agricultural Development Masterplan that will serve as a roadmap to unlock socio-economic development in the sector through specific strategic programmes.
- These programmes should bring about a revolution leading to real transformation in the sector and be able to address the triple challenges of poverty, unemployment and inequality that affects mainly youth, women and disable people.



DESIRED OUTCOMES OF THE MASTERPLAN

- Furthermore, the Masterplan should be able to address the following:
 - Job creation,
 - Inclusive growth and a launch pad for agrarian transformation
 - Farm workers social cohesion
 - Climate smart agriculture and related technological advancement
 - Investment in agriculture and infrastructure development
 - Marketing and trade of agricultural products produced in KZN
 - Competitiveness, increased production and productivity, commercialisation of agricultural enterprises especially by smallholder farmers and ensuring household food security
 - Reduction of farm related crime especially stock theft
 - Creation of a social compact with industry role players
(Partnerships to ignite growth and unlock development in the sector)



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METHODOLOGY AND PROCESS PLAN REQUIREMENTS

Provincial plan rather than a department plan

Undertake detailed analysis – include a Colloquium

Ensure stakeholder engagements and consultations into plan

Establish an Advisory Committee

Hold a Summit as part of final public engagement on the plan

Finalization and approval of the plan



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STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENTS

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STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENTS

- Extensive stakeholder engagements were undertaken during the initial stages of the draft plan.
- The genesis of such stakeholder engagements was the Colloquium which was held on the 16 & 17 November 2017.
- Consultations with stakeholders included amongst others government departments, agribusiness, commodity organizations, public entities, municipalities, and producers.



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CHALLENGES RAISED

During consultations, the following issues were raised:

- Continual change in political and policy environment
- Policy uncertainty/slow pace in terms of land reform
- DARD is inconsistent, non-transparent and not trusted – lost its credibility
- Conflated role of agricultural Extension and Advisory Services
- Poor intergovernmental co-ordination
- Severe impact of climate change and loss of agricultural land to other non-productive land uses
- Limited sharing of available market intelligence and research and technology
- Crime
- Ageing sector

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AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY THRUST

The future development of agricultural sector in the province will be premised on the transformation and promotion of previously disadvantaged producers and their inclusion in the agricultural mainstream economy to achieve the following:

- Ensuring household food security.
- Increased Production; and Productivity especially of small-holder producers
- Promotion of competitiveness and commercialisation of agricultural enterprises

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KZN POLICY DEVELOPMENT FOCUS

Agricultural development to focus on the following priority areas:

- **Transforming key institutions** in agriculture to promote agricultural growth and offer multiple economic opportunities to a range of categories of producers including promotion of designated groups (Youth, Woman and people with disabilities);
- **Increasing productivity of crops, livestock and other related subsectors** to enhance national food self-sufficiency and food supply and increases household food security;

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KZN POLICY DEVELOPMENT FOCUS...

- **Promoting efficient utilisation of agricultural land** with potential towards a thriving and environmentally sustainable resource that is accessed equitably and can support a range of livelihoods and agricultural enterprises
- **Expansion of irrigable land** through water use efficiency for both crops and livestock
- **Improving market access** for producers, in particular small-holder farmers, through better supply chain management
- **Adding value and agro processing** to agricultural products before they reach local and international markets

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MASTERPLAN PROPOSED PROGRAMMES

Agro-processing, agribusiness and market expansion

- 1) To act as a united voice that encourages collaboration with all levels of government and key stakeholders involved in agriculture i.e. agribusinesses, agro-markets and agro-processors
- 2) To promote market access
- 3) To promote competitive and efficient agribusiness systems that adapt to dynamic markets and opportunities
- 4) To provide adequate infrastructure and bulk services to support growth of agribusiness along the value chains (storages, cold rooms, transport, rail, ports, electricity, water).
- 5) To ensure an increased and sustained skills base for agribusinesses in KwaZulu-Natal
- 6) To encourage youth and women to enter agribusiness

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MASTERPLAN PROPOSED PROGRAMMES

Irrigation and agricultural water use optimisation

- 1) Revitalise existing irrigation enterprises by developing producer capacity
- 2) Optimise the water use allocation for agriculture
- 3) Expand access to water for smallholder agricultural producers

Agricultural land access and land use management

- 1) Identify and preserve high value agricultural land in every local municipality through the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act (SPLUMA)
- 2) Promote natural resource conservation planning, research and practice towards improved agricultural production
- 3) Joint agriculture area based plans for each municipality underpinning Provincial and Municipal SDF and LUMS
- 4) Develop and implement a land management and access system with the ITB to improve production efficiency, secure use and preservation of high-value agricultural land
- 5) Co-operative governance in agricultural land use planning and management

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MASTERPLAN PROPOSED PROGRAMMES

Household Food and Nutrition Security Support

- 1) Establish a multi-sectorial Food and nutrition Security Council to oversee alignment- planning, implementation and monitoring
- 2) Expand targeted social protection measures and sustainable livelihood programmes
- 3) Establish inclusive local food value chains to support access to nutritious and affordable food.
- 4) Enhance food insecure agricultural households' capacity to supply nutritional produce consistently through the year
- 5) Support the establishment and expansion of institutional food gardens that support food insecure households, through partnerships with civil society organisations
- 6) Increase the number of households benefitting from household food security packages

Small-holder producer support and development

- 1) Establish partnerships and programmes with each commodity sector to support the growth and profitability of small-holder producers
- 2) Re-orientate and improve the capacity and services of government towards small-holder production as its primary client
- 3) Establish well located and appropriate shared infrastructure, technology, equipment and service to small-holder producers
- 4) Facilitate sustainable market access at local, national and global levels
- 5) Develop and implement innovative finance systems that increase producers' abilities to access efficient, adequate and demand driven financing
- 6) Increase the number of youth and women producers and agribusiness owners
- 7) To provide a provincial hub of research and development excellence and innovation that can incubate and grow the capacity of the small-holder producer and agribusiness

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MASTERPLAN PROPOSED PROGRAMMES

Commercial producer production expansion and transformation

- 1) Support commercial producers to improve productivity and contribute to national self-sufficiency in staple commodities and commodities with provincial comparative and competitive advantage.
- 2) Establish and maintain a producer register for agriculture, forestry and fishery in KZN
- 3) Establish partnerships and programmes with each commodity sector. with clear strategic transformation (BEE) objectives and targets
- 4) To develop and implement agricultural skills upgrading programmes that enhance farmworkers' skills and competencies
- 5) Increase the number of youth and women producers and agribusiness owners

Access to finance

- 1) To facilitate the provision of accessible, affordable and responsive financing and funding to producers and enterprises

Research and technology development

- 1) To provide and support provincial research and development hubs, focussing on excellence and innovation

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MASTERPLAN PROPOSED PROGRAMMES

Climate change and natural resources management

- 1) To create an informed, prepared and adaptive agricultural sector capable of response to climate change
- 2) To minimise land degradation and promote rehabilitation
- 3) To protect high value agricultural land from non-agriculturally productive land uses
- 4) Land Use Management and Planning

Infrastructure development for agricultural sector growth

- 1) Develop joint agricultural area based plans for each municipality underpinning provincial and municipal SDF and LUMS
- 2) Facilitate the integrated provision of infrastructure and bulk services to support growth of agro-processing value chains (electricity, gas, water, rail, ports, and waste).
- 3) Revitalise existing irrigation schemes

Youth, women and people with disabilities

- 1) Youth access to careers in agro-processing, agro-markets and agro-logistics
- 2) Ensure an increased and sustained skills base for agro-processing in KwaZulu-Natal
- 3) Increase the number of youth and women producers and agribusiness owners
- 4) Support small and large commercial producers to improve agricultural productivity.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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PURPOSE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

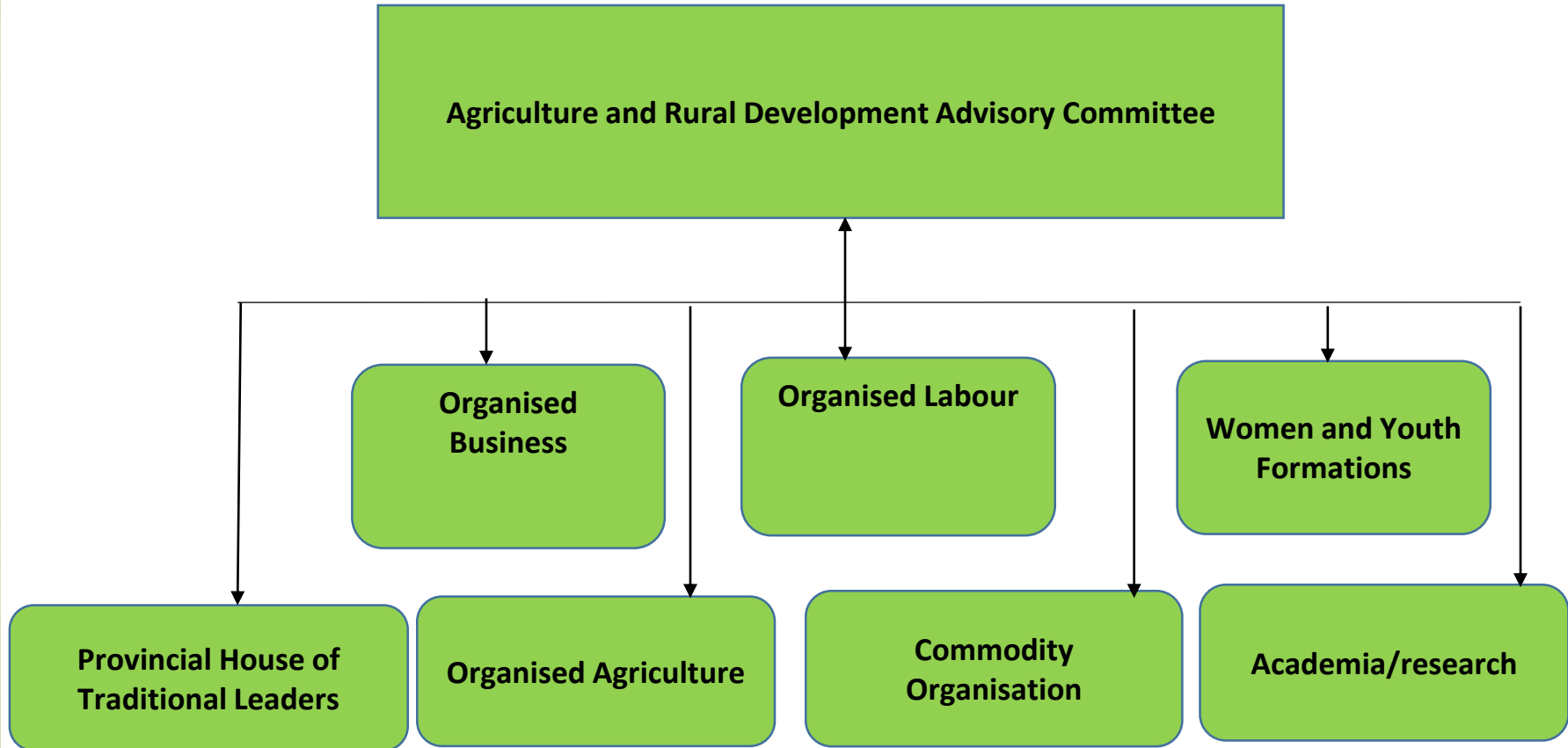
To provide a stable, consistent group of expertise and a common forum for the social partners including organized agriculture to engage and guide policy, strategy and programmes, in KZN towards a unified agricultural sector, that promotes sound agricultural practices, inclusive economic growth, food security and the advancement of rural communities in KwaZulu-Natal

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Institutional framework and organisations





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COMMISSIONS

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PARALLEL SESSIONS - DAY 1

Commission 1: Focal Key Areas/ Agro-processing, Markets Access, Finance and Funding Models

Facilitators : Dr. Ngqangweni (NAMAC)
Presenter : Mr. G. Xaba (ADAMO PIGS)
: Mr. M. Graham (Tower Uxhaso Investment)

Commission 2: Focal Key Areas/ Land Availability , Land Use and Land Access

Facilitators : Mr. M. Shabane (SAFTA)
Presenter : Mr. T. Sibiyi (SAFDA)

Commission 3 : Focal Key Areas/ Farm Workers and Farm Dwellers

Facilitator : Mr. M. Parks (COSATU)
Presenter : Mr. S. Sithole (AFRA)

Commission 4: Focal Key Areas/ Agrarian Transformation (Youth, Women & Disabled People in Agriculture and Rural Development)

Facilitator : Prof. Q. Mkhabela (Office of the Premier)
Presenter : Ms. L. Mkhonza (UN)

Commission 5: Focal Key Areas/ Training & Skills Development ,Research & Development

Facilitator : Mr. G. Mamabolo (AGRI-SETA)
Presenter : Prof. P. Kutame (UNIZULU)

Commission 6: Focal Key Areas/ Irrigation & Infrastructure Development

Facilitator : Mr. Mosiwa (UKZN)
Presenter : Prof. S. Worth (UKZN HYDROLOGY)

Commission 7: Focal Key Areas/ Food & Nutrition Security Smallholder Support System

Facilitator : Prof. A. Modi (UKZN)
Presenter : Mr. P. Hlatshwayo (Presidency/DPME) & Ms. V. Black (Bio watch)



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Thank you