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KZN PREMIER THAMSANQA NTULI AND MEC KAMADLOPHA-MTHETHWA TO HOST HIGH-LEVEL EXTENSION SUMMIT ON CLIMATE RESILIENT AGRICULTURE

The Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, Honourable Thamsanqa Ntuli, together with the MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development, Honourable Thembeni KaMadlopha-Mthethwa, will host a high-level Extension Summit aimed at confronting the growing challenges facing the agricultural sector due to climate change.

This strategic event, held in collaboration with leading climate scientists from South Africa's top universities, will serve as a platform for sharing cutting-edge, evidence-based research and climate-smart innovations. These efforts are geared toward enhancing sustainable agricultural practices and promoting resilient rural development across the province.

The summit comes at a critical time as the agricultural sector grapples with the dual pressures of climate variability and crippling U.S. tariffs—both of which have placed immense strain on local producers and exporters. The programme will include robust discussions on climate adaptation, food security, sustainable development and the policy interventions required to ensure long-term resilience and competitiveness in the sector.

Event Details:

Venue: Durban Olive Convention Centre

Date: 14 August 2025

Time: 09:00 – 16:30

Members of the media are invited to attend and cover this important engagement.

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