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MEC XABA TO WELCOME A GROUP OF KZN YOUNG EMERGING FARMERS FROM DENMARK ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURE

Government's intervention in land restitution has over the years been confronted with a multitude of challenges ranging from the complex transfer processes to skills shortage of beneficiaries.

These challenges have prompted the KZN Department of Agriculture and Rural Development in partnership with Agri-business Development Agency (ADA), to forge ties with a Danish agricultural institute called Dalum Academy of Agricultural Business in order to empower emerging farmers with a 9 month intense two-fold agricultural training.

MEC for KZN Agriculture and Rural Development, Mr Cyril Xaba, will on 26 June 2015, host a media briefing after welcoming the farmers who participated in the programme.

The briefing will take place as follows:

Date : 26 June 2015
Venue : Protea Edward Hotel, Marine Parade (Durban)
Time : 14h00

The programme focused on practical and theoretical training on the understanding of animal welfare, management of farmers, environmental protection and sustainability which is currently lacking under the emerging black farmers.

It also equipped farmers with skills in the management of livestock with emphasis on the agribusiness side of farming.

Now, farmers have been empowered with very critical skills such as the knowledge in animal welfare and practical piggery production.

MEC Xaba said the training was a resounding success and will make a significant contribution in the revitalization of fallow farms which were restituted to previously disadvantaged communities through Land Reform.

He said the focus shall be on value addition across all sectors of agribusiness as the new departmental strategy stipulates. Furthermore, this partnership will strengthen the KwaZulu-Natal capacity for agro-processing and value addition.

An amount of R5,5 million has been spent over the past 3 years to fund the programme.

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