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2ND CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN IN AGRIBUSINESS

"Women in Entrepreneurial Development: A Must for Success of the SDGs in Africa"

The 2nd Conference for Women in Agribusiness is a continental forum for women farmers, women in agribusiness and stakeholders in agriculture, food security and agribusiness.

The Conference is organised by the NEPAD Agency in collaboration with the Agribusiness Development Agency (ADA). The conference will be attended by:

- Hon. Susan Shabangu - Minister of Women Affairs in the Presidency, South Africa,
- H.E Dr Ibrahim Mayaki – CEO, NEPAD Agency,
- H.E Rhoda PeaceTumusiime - AUC Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture
- Mr Cyril Xaba – MEC for the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, KwaZulu-Natal Province
- Mrs Estherine Fotabong – Director of Programmes, NEPAD Agency

Also in attendance will be high level African Leadership, Regional Economic Communities, government ministries, farmers' organisations, the private sector, academia, civil society and development partners.

This year's conference theme is ***Women in Entrepreneurial Development: A Must for Success of the SDGs in Africa.***

The conference will focus on:

- Providing a platform for dialogue between relevant stakeholders in the space of economic participation of women
- Sharing experiences and best practices on gender-sensitive financial and business services and identifying new and innovative opportunities to improve women's entrepreneurial skills and development
- Strengthening of networking and advocacy for women's entrepreneurship to encourage a progressive integration of rural women's businesses into the formal economy
- Strategies and support necessary for women entrepreneurs in creating partnerships, networking and building strategic alliances

The Conference will commence with a high level opening session. Thereafter, participants will be provided with an opportunity to dialogue, consult, share experiences in plenary

sessions through panel discussions. Capacity building training will be conducted in breakaway sessions to train women in agribusiness processes. Another interesting part of the conference is the exhibitions where women will showcase their value-add products. Participants will also have the opportunity to see and buy products of their interest.

Date: 3-5 November 2015
Venue: Durban ICC, South Africa

Journalists are invited to cover the event

Opening ceremony: Tuesday 3rd November, 09:30 – 11:00

Press conference: Tuesday 3rd November, 11:00 – 11:30

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