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## SAFDA nominates Ms Fubbs as **The New SASA Vice Chairperson**

By Thandokwakhe Sibiya- *Strategic Support Executive*

**S**AFDA wishes to welcome and congratulate Ms Joanmariae Fubbs who was nominated by SAFDA to be voted as the Vice Chairperson of the South African Sugar Association (SASA). At the Special Meeting of the SASA Delegates that was held this afternoon, the Delegates of SASA unanimously voted for her to assume this new role. "We are very excited to be joined by Mama Fubbs in the industry that is busy transforming and becoming an industry of the future, which will be characterised by inclusivity, making sure that the under resourced small-scale and land reform farmers are taken along. Mama Fubbs has demonstrated her commitment to transformation." Said Dr Siyabonga Madlala, the Executive Chairperson of SAFDA.

SAFDA believes this appointment

augurs well for the industry which is in the process of implementing the Sugar Value Chain Master Plan and working to ensure that the sugar sector moves from being a sunset industry and to being a rising sector. Mama Fubbs brings with her wealth and depth of leadership experience. She particularly has in-depth insights into this regulated sector having been in charge of a parliamentary portfolio committee that was custodian of the Sugar Act and its Regulations. We hope to make more strides in bringing about much needed changes to our sector with her on board.

Mama Fubbs joins other women who are already in senior leadership roles within the industry association. SAFDA was the trailblazer in introducing women to leadership ranks of the industry. When we were recognised for the first time in

2018, we appointed Ms Lindiwe Hlubi, the Deputy Chairperson of SAFDA, into the role of the Vice Chairperson of SASA. It is now normal in the industry for women to occupy such high profile roles, especially with Ms Sindi Mabaso-Koyana who was also this year appointed by the industry into the role of the SASA Independent Chairperson.

Dr Madlala thanked Ms Hlubi for being a pioneer as the first woman to be in the Chairpersonship of the Sugar Association. He said "She was brave and took the bull by its horns. She represented us well within the industry. We have now asked her to come back home and help to build the organisation (SAFDA) which is growing in leaps and bounds. Her contributions to the industry will forever be celebrated and cherished"

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# SAFDA pioneers novel restitution models in Melmoth

By Nondumiso Mlondo: *Media and Communications Practitioner*



The South African Farmers Development Association (SAFDA) entered into a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform to provide various services to freehold farmers, small scale farmers and land reform beneficiaries. SAFDA has also entered into Co-Management Agreements with four communities in Melmoth. As part of the Co-Management Agreement, SAFDA is co-managing the farming operations and committed to providing governance support to all four projects. Melmoth has about 6800 hectares which consists of sugar cane, timber and avocados that are exported to various international destinations. The Commission on Restitution of Land Rights has restored land to five claimant communities in the Melmoth area, these properties were awarded

through a Court Order in 2019 and transfers of properties took place from March 2020 onwards. Four out of five of these communities have chosen to work with SAFDA as their strategic partner for the next 5-10 years through a co-management arrangement, those communities are Entembeni with 1 801 h/a, Emakhasaneni with 1 250 h/a, Entembeni Royal House with 1 433 h/a and Isizwe Sakwa-Dludla community trust with 1 122 h/a. Over and above the co-management agreement that SAFDA has with these communities, we have made available working capital, machinery and equipment so that they can be able to continue working and producing. The establishment of the Farm Management Services Company as an arm of the organization that will turn around farming operations for struggling farmers ensuring

that they have good quality crop which will attract the good price.

When communities or Trusts enter into partnerships, they are promised that there will be transfer of skills so that when contracts come to an end and partners leave, communities would be able to farm for themselves. SAFDA has been able to honour these promises made to the communities as we have a two-year graduate programme where several graduates are taken for skills training per community. SAFDA is also assisting the communities with various other enterprise development projects, namely,

- Community gardens supported by DARD
- Retail shops
- Weighbridge
- Livestock

## COMMUNITY PROFILE:

NAME OF THE PROJECT	HECTARES RESTORED	NO. OF HOUSEHOLDS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• eNtembeni Community</li> <li>• eMakhasaneni Community</li> <li>• eNtembeni Royal House</li> <li>• Isizwe Sakwa-Dludla</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 801 hectares</li> <li>• 1 250 hectares</li> <li>• 1 433 hectares</li> <li>• 1 122 hectares</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 350 households</li> <li>• 99 households</li> <li>• 150 households</li> <li>• 66 households</li> </ul>

## COMMODITIES PER COMMUNITY

COMMODITIES	EMAKHASANENI	ENTEMBENI	ENTEMBENI ROYALE HOUSE	ISIZWE SAKWADLUDLA
SUGAR CANE (HA)	613	777	594	793
AVOCADO (HA)	68	121	80	54
TIMBER (HA)	96	513	306	62

# Chairman Dlakude: Decisive Leadership short-lived

Sfiso Mnguni- Grower Affairs Head



Chairman Vusi Dlakude

Sugar cane farmers across KwaZulu-Natal and Mpumalanga provinces will for a long time find it hard to live with reality that the decisive leadership of Chairman Vusi Dlakude is no more. The South African Farmers Development Association (SAFDA) recently bid farewell to one of its most loyal and disciplined cadres, Mr Vusi Peter Dlakude. Dlakude was born in Mdzuba (KaHoyi) in 1968 by his parents, Ester Nkosi and Mcoshwa Phineas Dlakude. He started his primary school education in 1974 KaHoyi Primary School and completed his high school education at Manzolwandle Secondary School eMgobodzi. In 1989 he got employed by the Department of Home Affairs and started working at Lebombo Border Post as Immigration Officer. In 1998 he took early retirement to start

his funeral parlor and sugar cane farming businesses. In 1998 he joined the ANC for which he is reported to have served as a loyal and disciplined member, who worked hard for the movement but was interested in any paid leadership role, though he assisted many comrades to climb the leadership ladder to the top. In 2017 Dlakude joined the South African farmers Development Association (SAFDA) in which he later served as one of additional members in the Komati Mill Area Committee (MAC). He emerged as the hidden treasure earlier in 2020 when SAFDA was faced with leadership chaos in Mpumalanga and was voted the new Chairperson of small-scale growers. At the time of his passing he served as a member of the Central Executive Committee of SAFDA. Working together



with his committee, Dlakude led some of the most difficult grower struggles to ensure that small scale growers get fair treatment from the industry and particularly funding from Akwandze Finance to fund their farming operations.

He served selflessly turning around the character of a committee which was being contaminated by tendencies of personal greed. He brought order where there were emerging tendencies of personal greed.

Chairman Dlakude will be dearly missed by all at SAFDA, while his legacy of decisive leadership is set to carry the organization through to greater heights.

# Mpumalanga Growers Under New Leadership

By Nondumiso Mlondo and Sifiso Mnguni



Following dramatic events of leadership chaos, sugar cane farmers in the Komati and Malalane have eventually landed themselves in the capable hands of their new leadership. The election of new leaders happened at the time of South Africa's National Lockdown to curb the spread of Covid-19.

The leadership which was initially elected using virtual platform earlier in the year, was later confirmed, added to and made

permanent in August 2020 for both land reform farmers and small scale growers respectively. Mr Moses Thumbathi of Matsamo Communal Property Association was voted as the Chairman of land reform farmers, while Mr Vusi Dlakude was elected as the Chairman of small scale growers. Sadly Dlakude could not live long enough to see the fruits of his decisive leadership, which he demonstrated when chatting the way to the new command. He

passed away in September 2020, leaving behind the legacy of a decisive character. May his soul rest in peace.

The SSG committee has a total of 22 members who represent all small scale growers in Komati and Malalane. Following Dlakude's death, SSG's have remained in the leadership of their Deputy Charirman, Mr Ernest Mashabane. Mashabane who is a renowned businessman in Nkomazi says farming needs people who are passionate and hardworking because success does not come overnight. "In order for history not to repeat itself we need to work hard be transparent and respect each other as the success of this committee depend on the current leadership working to the benefit of all growers" says Mashabane.

The Chairman of land reform growers, Mr Moses Thumbathi, says the new committee will do things differently as it poses a challenge to the new leadership to do better and be able to assist all land reform farmers. "We need more unity as the committee and that goes for both SSG committee and Land Reform, we are all under one banner of SAFDA. Working efficiently and honesty should be the order of business" says Thumbathi.

The election of the new committees has not only helped the growers of this province, but it has assisted SAFDA as an organisation to be able to operate competently with various groups and stakeholders in the province of Mpumalanga.



# Industry Updates

By Thandokwakhe Sibiya- Strategic Support Executive



## Regulating the sugar sector for sustainability

By Thandokwakhe Sibiya- Strategic Support Executive

### *Sugar Master Plan*

The industry has been dealing with some difficult issues and challenges that do not auger well for the future of the sector. Amongst these we can mention the Health Promotion Levy (HPL) charged on sugary beverage producers, that became effective from 1 April 2018. When the levy was introduced it forced industrial sugar customers in the beverages sector to reformulate and use less of our sugar in their products. This led to a decline in sugar sales and sugar revenue during the next two seasons that followed. This had a negative impact on the RV price. The final RV price for the 2018/19 season was R3 574,41. The 2019/20 improved to R4 220,58.

Other challenges include the underperforming, sugar imports into the country, especially sugar from Eswatini, rising input costs and the

low international sugar prices. These variables have coalesced to put our sector under pressure.

The sugar industry is a key player in the economy given its contribution to employment, livelihoods and its footprint in deep rural areas in KwaZulu-Natal and Mpumalanga provinces. The industry challenges caught the attention of government which reached out and got stakeholders around the table to talk about how the industry can be stabilised, supported and be put on a path to sustainability. A Sugar Master Plan was negotiated and drafted for adoption by all stakeholders. The Minister of the then Department of Trade and Industry appointed his Special Advisor, Harald Harvey to drive the Sugar Master Plan process that was a subject of discussion for the good part of 2019. On 8 April

2020 all value chain stakeholder adopted the Sugar Master Plan.

The Sugar Master Plan is in the process of being implemented. One of the areas that was dealt with in the Sugar Master Plan was commitment by value chain players to buy increased volumes of South African sugar in order to save the industry. Sales statistics for the current 2020/21 season show that sales performance is likely to restore sugar sales tonnage that was lost when the HPL was first introduced. The intervention by our government is beginning to bear desirable impact. Of more interest to SAFDA is the proposal in the Sugar Master Plan for a Small-Scale Farmers Master Plan which is likely to focus on a premium price payment for small-scale farmers based on the local market sale of sugar without the dilution effect of the export market. There will be a Task Team to deliberate on the Small-Scale Farmers Master Plan in which SAFDA will actively participate and make strong contributions. There are other Task Teams that will deal with some of the long-term interventions like the diversification of the industry. Some of the discussions cannot happen until the industry is designated and exempted in terms of the Competition Act. The Exemption application has already been submitted to the Competition; the outcome is awaited during the month of October.





## Sugar Regulations

On the 23rd of June 2020, government published a government gazette which contained the summary of the Sugar Master Plan, the designation of the industry in terms of the Competition Act, and the changes to Sugar Industry Regulations i.e. the constitution of the South African Sugar Association (SASA) and the Sugar Industry Agreement.

One of the notable changes in the Regulations is the PERMENT recognition of SAFDA as a member of the sugar industry, a victory that we need to celebrate as an organisation and black farmers within the sugar sector. The Regulations will expire in March 2024. It is hoped that in the intervening period the industry will engage in discussions that will produce a new framework for the future industry. The Sugar Master Plan discussions are likely going to result in proposals on how the

structure of the industry should look going forward, including how farmers should participate in diversification opportunities.

SAFDA started a series of local area workshops educating farmers about changes that were coming with the Regulations. Those workshops were halted by the National Lockdown. When the coast is clear, they will be resumed because there are changes that farmers need to understand and ensure they are implemented in local areas. Some of the provisions that can be highlighted in the fact that there will be a streamlined participation in industry structures at a central level, with small representation from Association. In this season the industry also appointed an Independent Chairperson which is one of the changes brought about by the Regulations. At a local level, voting in structures like

the Mill Group Board requires a united grower vote. Also at the beginning of each season, grower structures need to sign a Co-operation Agreement about how matters affected growers can be dealt with. These changes need to be well understood. The SAFDA Head Office is ready to support our local structures as they navigate these new changes.

SAFDA welcomes the Regulations and the Sugar Master Plan as they are meant to advance transformation that we have been fighting for since we were formed five years ago, and also to ensure that our industry stabilises and is set for growth into the future. As Dr Madlala always say, we do not want to be part of a dying industry. We want to see a sustainable and transformed sugar sector.

# Transforming the Sugar Industry with compensation to us

Sifiso Mnguni, Head: Grower Affairs



Since its formal recognition in the sugar industry in 2017, SAFDA has championed several initiatives in advancing the interest of black sugar cane farmers. One of the major achievements has been the R1 billion worth seven-point plan for Immediate Transformation Interventions over a period of five years. The interventions, which were meant to address the inequality gap between black small scale sugar cane farmers and their predominantly white large scale counterparts has since yielded in excess of R572 million.

SAFDA's fight for black grower benefit has always been premised on the argument that black growers have long been prejudiced in industry set standards of sharing of proceeds in several ways. Inequality is treating

that which is not equal equally. The recoverable value (RV) system applied by the industry to pay all growers for their produce means that despite all limitations in respect of field sizes, economies of scale and structurally designed proximity to the sugar milling factories, black small scale growers have to compete on an equal footing with historically resourced white large scale farmers. The weighted average price calculation formula applied by the industry is done such that black growers who are producing less than 15% of gross industry proceeds are equally subjected to the export market price when the volume of their produce is so small to contribute to the 'dump' export market. Most black small-scale farmers farm in small plots of communal land allocated to

them through permission or right to occupy (PTOs or RTOs). Despite land being traditionally small in size, land tenure systems limit black farmers' qualification to business finance in respect of bank loans.

The month of June 2020 saw qualifying black small scale and land reform farmers receiving yet another payment of R52 816 000 as 2019/20 season top up payment for transformation benefits in terms of Interventions 1 and 2. While these benefits continue to compensate and to provide the much needed cash relief to black growers by enhancing cash flow, they are still far from bridging the inequality discrepancy between black and white sugar cane farmers in South Africa. SAFDA continues to strive for more relief to inequality.



# Impact of Covid-19 on sugarcane farmers

By Nondumiso Mlondo: *Media and Communications Practitioner*

The President of South Africa His Excellency Cyril Ramaphosa announced that as from the 26th of March 2020 the country will be on lockdown. Under the lockdown all South Africans were required to stay at home. The agricultural sector was dissected as an essential service and was allowed to operate as food is a necessity, but this did hit hard on most sugarcane farmers as some could barely make ends meet due to these restrictions particularly the Small-Scale farmers. The National Lockdown came at a time when the 2020/2021 milling season was opening, and the growers were starting to harvest their cane.

Some of the effects Covid-19 has had on farming in the Sugar Industry includes slow cane delivery process which led to undesirable carry overs, this meant that the cane that was supposed to be delivered this season could not be finished and be delivered

next season. This will have negative effects on farmers' budgets and the crop. The pandemic has caused the cane cutting contractors to adopt harsher measures that have increased their operating costs. The cane cutting business contributes significantly to job creation during the cane harvesting season. The Covid-19 pandemic forced the contractors to cut down on the number of people employed due to the fact that transporting a substantial number to work was now challenge for them as the public transport was strictly monitored, and cane cutting was not considered as an essential service.

Foster Mhlongo from Nkomazi in Mpumalanga of who provides cane cutting contracting service to small-

scale farmers says that he was very saddened when he had to cut down on his cane cutting labourers because of this pandemic " There is nothing as tough and disturbing as having to retrench your staff and some you have been working with them for a long time but because of this pandemic I had to cut down some of my staff from 165 employees to only 70 labourers so that I can be able to pay wages at the end of the week, I am hoping that the country will be able to recover from this soon so that there won't be any more job losses" says Mhlongo

The Covid-19 pandemic has negatively affected all levels of sugarcane production in the industry. Small scale producers continue to be the most affected during this time given their generally weak financial position within the sugar sector. Their recovery may be long and uncertain post the Covid-19 pandemic.





As the whole world is faced with a painful reality of COVID-19 pandemic it has also been increasingly difficult for many families to make ends meet. The virus has left many families struggling due to job losses and business closures. Government has called on any stakeholders to lend a helping hand as this is the biggest pandemic to hit the global economy since World War II. The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic because of the wide extent of the impact.

The corona virus pandemic has hit hard on the economy of the world thus government having to ask different stakeholders around the world to help assist those who are hard hit by the pandemic. As South African Farmers Development Association we heeded this call and donated over 600 food parcels to the needy people around the Mpumalanga province. This was done after a successful newly formed partnership that SAFDA established with the office of the MEC for Finance, Economic Development and Tourism department in the Mpumalanga Province, MEC Pat Ngomane.

As the SAFDA management, staff and a few growers were distributing these food parcels it became evidently clear that the country is in dire need for any type of assistance that may help the situation to become better. In most households that SAFDA was distributing food parcels in, you could see that SAFDA was a miracle that they had prayed for. "It was so sad and heart-breaking seeing and hearing different people and many of them saying they have not had something to eat for the past two days, they only had boiled water just so that their stomachs may be full, that really touched me and showed me that a lot still needs to be done, and government alone cannot really do that alone" says Dr Siyabonga Madlala SAFDA's Chief Executive Officer.

During the food parcel handover program Mam Senzeni Makhubela of Masibekela reserve area in Nkomazi district couldn't hold her tears when her food parcel was handed over to her. Speaking in her native language IsiSwati Mam'Makhubela says she was just about

# SAFDA responds to Covid-19 challenges

By Nondumiso Mlondo: Media and Communications Practitioner



to boil mushrooms that she picked up at the back of her house as it was the only thing eatable that was available before she got her parcel. "Today I was so sure that these mushrooms are the only thing that the family was going to have and after tonight I did not know what I was going to give my family. Things are bad in this household no one is working, and we all depend on the government's grant which is not enough to feed all six mouths" says Mam'Makhubela.

*The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honourable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson



# Dr Madlala visits the USA

By Dr Marilyn Govender and Nondumiso Mlondo

In October 2019 at the Global Ethanol Summit in Washington DC, USA, stakeholders around the globe gathered to discuss demand and supply, industrial, technology and policy issues pertaining to ethanol. The U.S. Grains Council (USGC) is working with partners around the globe, both producers and procurers, to develop and expand the worldwide ethanol market. The United States is the world's largest producer of ethanol, having produced nearly 15,8 billion gallons in 2019. Together, the U.S. and Brazil produce 85% of the world's ethanol, followed by European Union and China.

As Africa has been earmarked for global growth in the bioethanol market, a sizeable African delegation was invited to attend the Summit from Nigeria, Ghana, Israel, and South Africa. The South African delegation was led by Dr Siyabonga Madlala Executive Chairman of SAFDA, and attending by Dr Marilyn Govender (SAFDA), together with representatives from the Department of Energy, the Central Energy Fund, the SA Sugar Association and the South African Embassy in the United States, as invited guests of the United States Grains Council (USGC).

Through this platform SAFDA was able to engage with corn ethanol producers and understand the dynamics of their

production. Most interesting was the cost of production from corn-based ethanol being at least 30% lower than gasoline prices in the US. However, when compared to cane farmers in South Africa, it is an apple and orange comparison, as corn fields are massive and under mechanisation significantly reducing production costs.

SAFDA has continued to engage with the USGC assessing ways of reducing cost of production, ethanol efficiencies in the industrial plant, suppliers of cheap ethanol for trading or further beneficiation into ethanol high value-added derivatives. Contacts has been established with ethanol suppliers of various grades of ethanol that supply into the fuel ethanol, industrial, pharmaceutical, and potable markets.

SAFDA has also been investigating the diversification of the sugarcane sector in India, being more likened to small scale producers, varying scales of production and higher value added renewable chemical markets. Several Indian businesses and institutions attended the Summit, including Chief Executive Officer of India Glycols - leading manufacturer of bulk, specialty and performance chemicals and natural gums, spirits, industrial gases, sugar, and nutraceuticals in India. Opportunities for ethanol and ethanol

value added products are far reaching, including the application of ethanol as an octane replacement in fuel. In South Africa, an all-inclusive approach and decision needs to be taken by the South African government together with the fuel companies and producers for the usage of bioethanol as an octane enhancer. Higher-octane fuel directly improves engine efficiency and fuel economy, can enable higher compression ratio, engine downsizing, down-speeding, cylinder deactivation, hybridization, and advanced hardware.

SAFDA has built a network of stakeholders both nationally and internationally that have been successful in diversifying the value chain. Earlier this year, movements on the biofuel regulatory framework by the Department of Energy and Central Energy Fund, created some expectations around fuel ethanol. However, as 2020 hit and ethanol prices collapsed as fuel demand dropped significantly from COVID-19 shutdowns, many producers including those from US have re-engineered systems to make alternative ethanol products such as pharmaceutical grade hand sanitizer. Diversification opportunities from sugarcane are considerable including that of downstream beneficiation of sugarcane-based bioethanol, which SAFDA continues to pursue for its farmers.



# Agro-processing here we come!

By Nondumiso Mlondo: Media and Communications Practitioner

**S**outh African Farmers Development Association (SAFDA) and Maphophoma Milling from KwaNongoma signed an in-principle agreement. This agreement will see SAFDA assisting Maphophoma Maize Mill to resuscitate its operations which stopped in 2018 due to a lightning strike to the transformer. Maphophoma co-operative approached SAFDA for assistance in the operationalization of the Mill, and there was an in-principle agreement to provide support, following the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement. SAFDA Executive Chairperson, Dr Siyabonga Madlala, said he hopes that this Maize Mill will bring hope to the people of KwaNongoma as this will create job opportunities that will ensure a better life for the people of this area and its surroundings. "Rural areas are always left behind when it comes to community development initiatives. These areas are full of opportunities, but the problem is getting funding for such great projects which will have a good impact on many lives," says Dr Madlala.

SAFDA views this initiative to be of strategic importance as it is aligned to the multi season planting programme funded by the KZN Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD). The initiative will provide market access for the maize crop that will be produced from the multi season planting programme. The maize meal that will be produced by the mill in the area will address the nutritional requirements as it will be fortified with vitamins and minerals. The Chairman of Maphophoma Milling, Sikhumbuzo



Ntombela, alluded to the fact that the reopening of this maize meal plant will help put food on the table for many families. "We have struggled to get this plant operational again after it was closed down in 2018, our only hope was shuttered when those doors were closed and as a chairman of this Mill I saw poverty in many of the people that used to work here when we told them that we are shutting down" says Ntombela.

SAFDA has several other MOU's with different communities, namely in Melmoth and in Mpumalanga province.

These agreements will support and assist farmers to be able to take care of their land and continue producing quality harvests. When SAFDA was formed its purpose was to assist the development of farmers in this country and close any gap in farming that might have been caused by the past neglect, which saw a decline in small-scale farmers. SAFDA formed an arm called Farm Management Services whose core business is to turn around farming operations for struggling farmers ensuring that they have good quality crops that will attract a good price and assist with the market access.

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# WOMEN: Special Feature

By Nondumiso Mlondo: Media and Communications Practitioner

## Florence Mavimbela Mpumalanga Provincial Operations Manager

**F**lorence Mavimbela (52) first Woman Boss in SAFDA in the Mpumalanga province. This ground-breaking appointment is a triumph for the organisation because it shows that the organization is keen on women emancipation and has faith in the leadership of Women. Mavimbela comes with her 30 years of experience in the Agricultural business which is highly beneficial for the organisation as well as for the advancement of SAFDA growers. SAFDA has not shied away from appointing women into leadership and executive roles. The Deputy Chairperson of the organisation is also a woman which is testament enough that the organisation takes pride in the role of women. The new boss holds a master's degree in Sustainable Agriculture that she obtained from the University of Free State and a Diploma in Agricultural Extension from Tompi Seleka College of Agriculture in Limpopo. Mavimbela

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is also planning to do her PHD with University of North West.

"When I was growing up, I had a huge obsession with Agriculture, I told myself that when I finish High school, I wanted to study Agriculture and be a farmer and I did just that" says Mavimbela. The Boss-Lady currently has 7 hectares of sugarcane land which she wishes to expand so that she can grow her operations. Her passion has led her to enjoy supporting farmers on their operations. Woman farmers have shown a significance excellence in farming, they take their farming businesses seriously, says Mavimbela.

Mavimbela joins the Mpumalanga team just in time as the organisation has just managed to rebuild the organisation's reputation following an unpleasant departure of senior leaders who resigned and led to many of our farmers feeling unsure about the stability of the organisation in the province. "My mandate is to make sure that SAFDA is stable and operational in the province,

the past occurrences were just part of growth for the organisation, I have to make sure that SAFDA remains relevant and active in the province and bring back trust from the growers of this province who were left confused because of what happened" says Mavimbela.

SAFDA was established to assist marginalised farmers and bring back hope to those who were at a verge of quitting farming because of the inequalities that were existing in the industry, says Mavimbela. The mission that SAFDA is operating with is in concurrence with Mavimbela's personal life missions which is to see each and every farmer successful in their business. "When I first heard about the organisation, I was very impressed with their mission, vision and values and I told myself that I want to be part of their team, and when I heard of the opportunity I didn't hesitate to apply for the position because it meant that my dreams will come true" says Mavimbela.



# Thoko Mavuso

## SAFDA Land Reform Farmer



**T**hoko Mavuso (48) is a SAFDA Land Reform farmer with more than 15 years of farming experience owns a 65 h\ a of land. She is one of the staunch members of SAFDA. She was part of the group that walked out of the South African Cane Growers' Association Congress of Growers meeting on 25 November 2020, to form SAFDA. She has been in the leadership structures of SAFDA ever since. She is the Chairperson of land reform farmers in her mill area. She is a member of the Central Executive Committee (CEC) and is part of the Disciplinary Committee that keeps and protect the integrity of the organization.

Mavuso hails from the now said to be "Right at the Heart of the Zulu Kingdom" in Pongola. Mavuso says farming has assisted her to be able to provide for her family and also her surrounding neighbours who are in need of employment. "Being a woman doesn't mean that you are only a provider in your family, but it means that you have a responsibility to look

after the whole village surrounding you" says Mavuso. The sugarcane industry has always been unfair to Black women, she says in her area you must be tough and be able to stand your ground because some male counterparts still look down on female entrepreneurs says Mavuso. The issue of water is what most farmers in the country are battling with, water has been scarce in the country, farmers remain the most affected whenever drought strikes.

Mavuso says that the journey of getting a farm for herself has been a tough and hard journey as she had to wait 5 years before she finally receives the farm that she had applied for. "I wish SAFDA was established way before than I had received my farm, many people would have been landowners with big successful operations because of the kind of assistance that the organisation has come up with" says Mavuso. The 48-year-old says that with the 5 years that SAFDA has she believes that they have achieved more than what 100 years old organisations have failed to do, she says other organizations have failed dismally to put the needs of farmers first, equally without looking at

the colour of one's skin, says Mavuso. "I feel like the industry has been unfair on a lot of black people, we have cried for help in our inputs such as assistance in Fertilizer, herbicides poison and all other input expenses, we've been drowning to debts trying to make sure that our operations are successful and running, until SAFDA came and did that in a matter of three years into it existence" says Mavuso.

Touching on the issues of women, she says that women now have the power to take up any position they want because organisations such as SAFDA has allowed many women to lead without being micromanaged, this shows the faith that the organisation have on them, says Mavuso. In the sugar Industry we have never seen black women in higher positions, this made us feel inferior and voiceless because this meant that no-one is fighting for our rights in that level, when Lee Hlubi was appointed as SASA's deputy Chair, this was then a victory to all Black women farmers because it meant we have someone who fully understand where we come from and will be able to represent us fittingly, concludes Mavuso.

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# Maria Mazibuko

## MP SAFDA MAC Administrative Clerk

**M**aria Mazibuko (57) with 22 years of work experience with sugarcane growers as an administrative clerk. Mazibuko's journey started at Mfumfane sugarcane project 1998 where she gained vast experience in the sugarcane industry, this was the first time she worked for a sugarcane project in Komati, Mpumalanga which enabled her to learn about the Sugarcane industry. Her dedication led her to become a member of a Mill Cane Committee in the year 2000, as an assistant Administrative clerk. Mazibuko said her first learning experience at Mfumfane project was a learning curve in her career as it allowed her to explore the sugarcane industry which she did not have knowledge of. "It was great working in Mfumfane project, I experienced a lot of problems that compelled me to educate myself about the industry. I took every challenge that I came across with as a learning experience for myself" says Mazibuko.

Mazibuko served the Mill Cane Committee for 5 years as an assistant and got a promotion in 2006 as a Mill Cane Committee administrative clerk where she gained experience in computer skills which she fell

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short of. Mazibuko holds certificates in Financial management (Basic Bookkeeping) certificate, Project administration certificate, certificate in communication, cane husbandry, entitlements (grants) and Economy certificate which she obtained along the journey of her career.

In 2018 Mazibuko started working for the South African Farmers Development Association as a MAC administration Clerk where she is servicing Komati and Malelane Small-scale farmers. When Mazibuko joined the SAFDA team she felt like she finally belongs and had found her eternal home "I call SAFDA a HOME where I have found warmth, comfort and growth" say Mazibuko. There are lot of challenges facing growers in Komati and Malelane but Mazibuko says that is what makes her job interesting because she can help growers become better than before.

"My wish for SAFDA is to see it growing and being expanded to all provinces and even be a global organization and see more women in leadership

positions within the organization" says Mazibuko. Most of the growers that Mazibuko deals with are older people who need attention and care, she added, without these proficiencies most people would not survive in this job. "I am touched and amazed by the degree of humility from our SAFDA management led by the CEO Dr Madlala, they have all shown that they have the best for growers at heart." says Mazibuko.

Mazibuko says that what pains her the most is seeing growers drowning in debt because they want to feed their families and provide employment to the people working in their fields. "I was very happy when SAFDA hosted a conference last year that dealt with all issues facing growers particularly the debt challenge that most of them are facing. The conference shed some light into most of the community projects, because now they know better" says Mazibuko referring to the Land Reform Conference that SAFDA held in September last year which dealt with issues facing farmers in Mpumalanga.



# Silondiwe Nxumalo

SAFDA  
Youth  
Farmer

**S**ilondiwe Nxumalo (29) is one of the youngest female farmers that SAFDA has. She was born and raised in a small village called KwaMaphumulo. She holds a BSc degree majoring in Environmental Science from the University of KwaZulu Natal and a SAMTRAC certificate from NOSA. She started working as a Health and Environmental Officer before pursuing her career in farming. Nxumalo owns a 40 hectares of sugarcane field in Macambini reserve. "There is nothing stopping the youth in the Agricultural business, even the sky is not a limit, being an owner of Land was a dream come true for me and a beginning of many great things, when I started with my sugarcane field, I knew this is what I wanted, I knew that I am not an office based person, as young as I am" says Nxumalo.

The 29-year-old says she is not only planting sugarcane as her dreams are beyond sugarcane. Nxumalo also has a 5 hectares of Chicory root which is used to make Nestle Ricoffee. "I have planted 5 hectares of Chicory root which is used to make Nestle Ricoffee. I'm currently in the process of branching out into garlic and

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ginger production. I am passionate about youth development and entrepreneurship." says Nxumalo. Nxumalo hosted her first career Expo in 2019 in the community of KwaMaphumulo where she grew up. The Expo was meant to assist learners find their preferred careers.

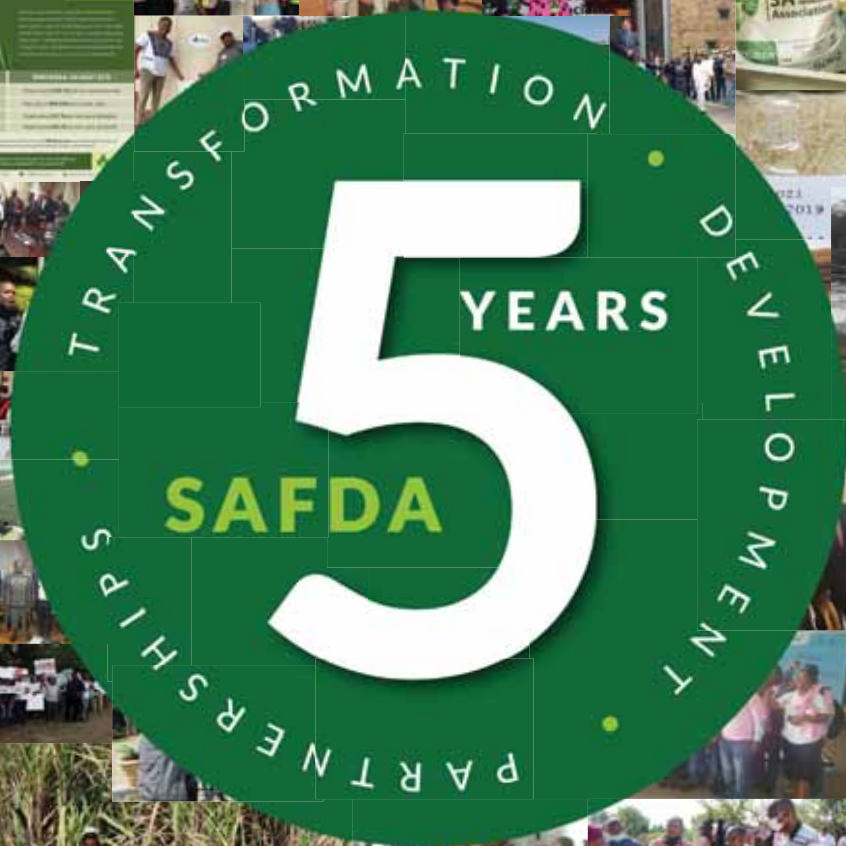
Nxumalo says SAFDA has played a huge role in her farming career. She alludes to the fertilizer assistance that she received from SAFDA. The recommendations and advice she get from the Farmer Development Advisors that are employed by SAFDA have been of great help to her. "Organizations such as SAFDA have come through for most of us who are new and want to pursue a career in farming, they have helped us develop ourselves and be better farmers" says Nxumalo. Nxumalo believes that there is nothing stopping SAFDA from taking up all the agricultural space and assist the deserving long relegated black farmers.

Nxumalo is part of an online magazine called iLembe Explore, which covers events, lifestyles and entrepreneurship

activities of iLembe district. "My Motivation in life is to do better than yesterday, I always want to do better and also help others" says the ambitious youngster. Nxumalo has more than 30 employees who works in her operations. The democracy that the country received in 1994 has opened up many of opportunities for the people like Nxumalo who believe that there is no stopping them from being who they want to be, she says SAFDA needs to invest more in Women upliftment programs, concludes Nxumalo.







**ANOTHER  
TRANSFORMATION  
PAYMENT TO  
BLACK GROWERS**

SAFDA has announced a new initiative to support black growers by providing them with a transformation payment. This payment is designed to help black growers cover the costs of production and marketing, and to provide them with a steady income. The payment is based on the volume of production and is paid to the growers at the end of each season. This initiative is part of SAFDA's commitment to support black growers and to promote the growth of the black agricultural sector.

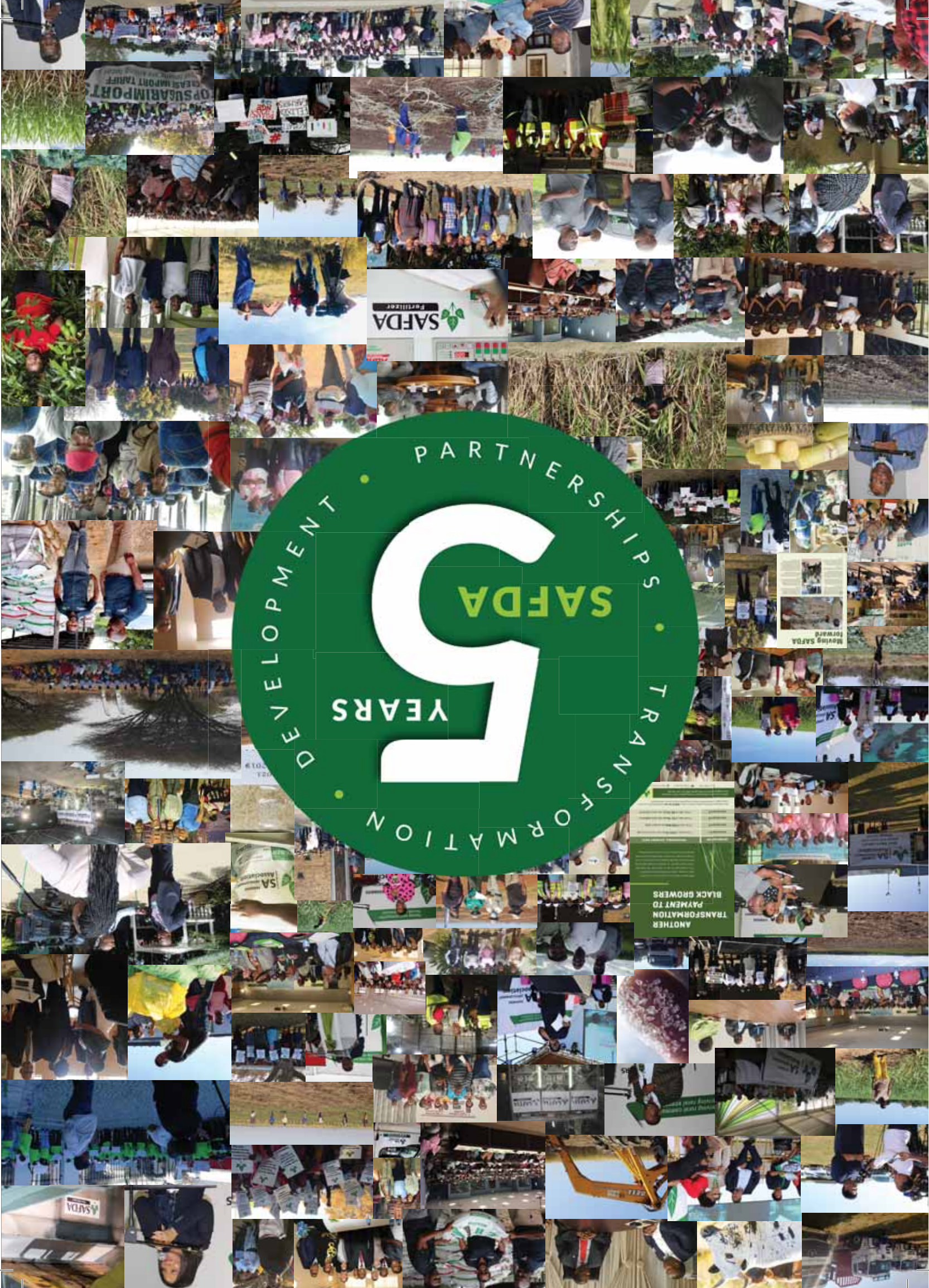
**Moving SAFDA  
forward**

SAFDA is moving forward with a new vision and strategy. The new vision is to become a leading agricultural organization that supports the growth of the agricultural sector and promotes the interests of farmers. The new strategy is to focus on providing farmers with the services and support they need to succeed in the market. This includes providing them with information, training, and financial support. SAFDA is committed to working with farmers and other stakeholders to achieve these goals.

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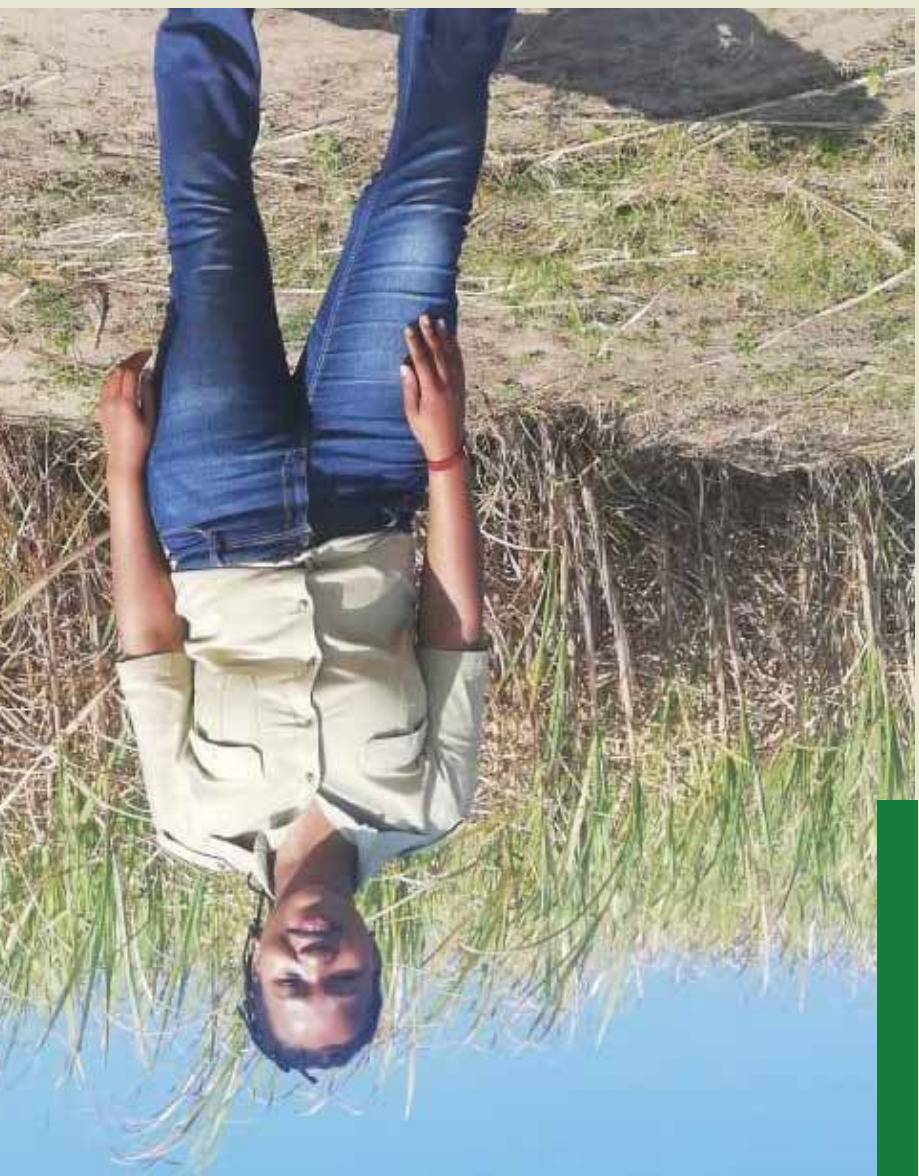
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# Silondive Nxumalo Umlimi lomusha ka SAFDA



**S**ilondive Nxumalo (29) ngulomunye umlimi losemncane lapha ka SAFDA. Watalelwa endzaweni yaka Maphumulo, une BSC Degree kwi Environmental Science loyayitfola eNyuvesi yakwa Zulu Natal, nesetifiketi se SAMTRAC lowasitfolo e NOSA. Wacala kusebenta njenge Health and Environmental Officer ngaphambi kwekutsi atjintjele ekulimeni. Nxumalo unema hactar langemashumi lamane nakune (44) eMacambini reserve. Kute lokungavimbela bantfu

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Maria Mazibuko (57) unesipiliyoni seminyaka lengemashumi lamabili nakubili asebenta nebalimi bemoba njengamabhalane. Luhambo lwakhe lwacala ngenyaka wanga 1998 asebenta nebalimi bemoba baseMfumfane wazuza sipiliyoni sekusebenta nebalimi ngulapho wacala khona kusebenta nebalimi base Komati.

**“SAFDA ngimbata ngelikhaya, ngatfola kufutfumala, kunetseteka nekukhula”**

waba lilunga le mill cane committee ngenyaka wa 2000 njengelisekela neMalelane, uma ngifika ka SAFDA ngativela kuti sengisekugcineni ngativela ngelikhaya. SAFDA ngimbata ngelikhaya, ngatfola kufutfumala, kunetseteka nekukhula kusho Mazibuko, tiningi tinkinga letihlangabetana nebalimi koda ngiyakujabule kubasita. Ngibuye ngibone bomake bangena etikhundleni tekuhola etihlanganweni, kusho Mazibuko. Ebalimi lengisebenta nabo lilingi labo ngulabdzala ngako ke badzinga kubeketelelwa nekunakwa. Mazibuko utsi lokumvisa buhlungu kubona ebalimi bangena etikweledini ngobe bafuna kondla iminden i yabo nekuholela tisebent taseamasini. Ngajabula kulomnyaka lophelle uma SAFDA abuka tinkinga balimi njenga mabhalane weMAC losebentela

Mazibuko wasebenta kulelikomidi iminyaka lesihlanu njengemsi, ngakhushulwa ngenyaka wa2006 ngaba ngumabhalane we mill cane committee langatfola khona sipiliyoni sangcondvo mshini. Mazibuko watfola sitifikei financial management, sekugcina mabhuku, project management, communication, kunakekela umoba, entitlement, ne economy certificate.

# Thoko Mavuso uMlimi lonike<sup>thwe</sup> umhlaba ka SAFDA



**T**hoko Mavuso (48) mlimi lawanikethwa umhlaba ka kaSAFDA lonemiyaka lengetulu kwa 15 yesipiliyoni sekulima unema hactar langu 65 emhlaba. Ullunga laSAFDA. ungulomunye kulelitsimba lelaphuma lahamba emhlanganweni we South African Cane Grower Association ngamhlaka 25 November wayokwakha iSAFDA.kusukela lapho usebuholini ba SAFDA. ungusihlalo walabanikethwa umhlaba emshini wanga<sup>kubo</sup>, ullunga le Central Executive Committee (CEC) abuye abe sekomidini lelicondzisa

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tigwegwe kugcina inhlangano icotfo. Mavuso utsi ngekulima usita umnden<sup>i</sup> tinhlango<sup>ti</sup> tyahululeka kucalisa tidzingo tebalimi ngaphandle kwekubuka umbala, kusho Mavuso. Besingene etikweledini kutsi sikhone kusebenta emasimini etfu ngaphambi kwekutsi kube khona SAFDA, kusho Mavuso. Uma nitsintsa indzaba yabomake, utsi bomake banemandla ekutsatsa noma ngabe ngusphi sikhundla enhlanganweni njengobe SAFDA avumela bomake kuphatsa nekulawula lokukhombisa kubatsemba lanako. kusho Mavuso. Embonini yashukela asizange sibone bomake babanika tikhundla letisetulu, loko kwenta kutsi sitibone singenali<sup>vi</sup> ngobe kusho kutsi kute lasiwe<sup>lako</sup> kulesigaba lesikuso. Ngal<sup>esikhatsi</sup> Lee Hlubi akhetfwa njeng<sup>elisekela</sup> lasihlalo wakasaSA loko kwaba kusho kuphumelela kubo bonke bomake labamnyama. Ngobe loko bekusho kutsi sesinaye lotawuv<sup>isa</sup> lapho sibuya khona sesinalotasimela uphumelele kulokunyenti kulenhlangano Mavuso. Utsi kule minyaka lesihlanu ngekusitwa ngulenhlangano, kusho bantfu labanyenti banetindzawo kucala ngabe ngawutfo<sup>la</sup> ngesikhatsi. Ngiyetsemba kutsi ngabe SAFDA wafika atfole lel<sup>iplasi</sup> lebekalifake sice<sup>lo</sup> salo. kwamtsatsa iminyaka le sihlanu kutsi afake sice<sup>lo</sup> salomhlaba wakhe, utsi Mavuso utsi kwaba matima ngalesikhatsi kakhulu ngesomiso. eveni, ebalimi ngibo labatsintseka ulwela kutfo<sup>la</sup> manti. Emanti ayaswelakala Inkinga yemanti wonke umlimi eveni ayinamaciniso kubomake labamnyama. kodwa ungasita nebasesisigodzini sakho, kusho Mavuso. Imboni yashukela kumele unake undeni wakho kuphela umse<sup>benti</sup>. Kuba ngumake akusho kutsi wakhe, nabomakhelwane labadzinga Mavuso utsi ngekulima usita umnden<sup>i</sup> tige<sup>gwe</sup> kugcina inhlangano icotfo.



# BUSO BABOMAKE ka SAFDA

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## Florence Mpumalanga Provincial Operations Manager



unyvesi yase North West.

Florence Mavimbela (52) ungumphatsi lomnyama wekucala longumake esifundzeni sase Mpumalanga, kukhombisa kutsi inhlangano inelutandvo ebuholini babomake nekulitsembeabuholini babomake. Mavimbela unesipiliyoni semsebenzi wekulima seminyaka lengu 30 lokusho kutsi inhlangano itawuzuza nekutfutuka kwe balimi ba SAFDA nekutsi akasabi kukhetsa bomake ekuphatseni nekubasebentisa imisebenzi lemikhulu. Lisekela lasihlalo inhlangano ngemsebenzi lowentiwa bomake. Mavimbela une Masters degree yekulima lowayitfolo nyuvesi yase Free State neticu tebulimisi ekulimeni lowatitfolo Tompi Sekela Collage yetekulima eliMpopo. Mavimbela uhlela kuyowenta PhD ne

Ngatitjela kutsi uma ngicedza libanga lelishumi ngifuna kuyofundzela wasungulelwa kutsi atoncedza ebalimi lababandlululwako, abuyisenelitsembe kulabo besebacabanga kuyekela kulima ngobe bekunekungalingani lobekukhona embonini 'kusho Mavimbela. SAFDA kusho Mavimbela.SAFDA labasala bamangele ngalokwenteka, nelitsembe kubalimi bakulesifudza

Uma ngicala kuva kukhulunywa nga SAFDA ngagcugcuteleka ngekusebenta kwabo, umbono, kubaluleka ngasho kutsi ngiyafisa kuba yincenya yalelitsimba, ngatsi uma ngiva kutsi kunesikhala semsebenzi angizange ngatibambela ngavele ngafaka sicele sami semsebenzi lokusho kutsi liphupho lami liyaphumela" kusho Mavimbela.

Mavimbela ujoyine litsimba lase Mpumalanga leSAFDA ngalesikhatsi inhlangano isabuyisa sifuntsi sa kwabo, umbono, kubaluleka ngasho kutsi ngiyafisa kuba yincenya kwetikhulu letitsite. ngeliyanya ngitocinisekisa kutsi SAFDA uyatinta aphindze asebenze kahle kulesifundza. Letehlakalo lesindule kuto bekukhula kenhlangano. Ngiyocinisekisa kutsi SAFDA uyohala asebenta lapha esifundzeni siletse

# Kukhicitwa kwemkhicito lolinyiwe sekufikile!!

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**S**outh African farmers Association (SAFSA) nesigayo saseMaphophoma kwa Nongoma basayine siyumelwano ngalokusemsetfweni.

Ngalesityumelwano kutawubonakala SAFDA asita ebalimi bembila base Maphophoma kutsi baphinde bachubeke nekusebenta njengobe sigayo sema nga 2018 uma

itransformer yabo ishaywa litulu. Balimi baseMaphophoma batisondzeta ku SAFDA kutsi abasite kutsi kumele basebente njani ngesigayo, kulandzele kusayinwa kwe memorandamu yesivumelwano. Sihalo welikomidi la SAFDA lelisetulu Dr Siyabonga

Madlala utsi uyatsembeba kutsi lesigayo sitawuletsa litsembe ebantfini bakwa Nongoma kuphinde kwakheke ematfuba emsebeni lokutawugcula timphilo tebantfu bendzawo

netindzawo letidutane. Tindzawo tasemakhaya tishiyelwa ngaphandle uma kufika intfufuko. letindzawo tinematfuba lamanyenti, kusho Dr

Madlala. SAFDA ubona loluhlelo linemacebo lahambisana ne kuhlanjela loku bhadalelwe litiko letekulima nekutfutukisa emakhaya (DARD).

Umbila lotawukhicitwa ngesigayo kutacinisekiswa kutsi unetisako letidzingwa mtimba emavitamin nemaminerals.

Sikhumbuzo Ntombeba sihlo wesigayo saMaphophoma uvete kutsi kuvulwa kwalesigayo kutawucosha indala emindenini leminyenti. Sibe nebhukhuni

**"Sibe nebhukhuni kutsi siphinde sibuyele kulomsebeni emva kweku valwa kwalesigayo nga 2018. Ematsembe etfu aphela ngalesikhatsi kuvalwa"**



kutsi siphinde sibuyele kulomsebeni ngalesikhatsi kuvalwa sabona buphuya ebanfwinini labanyenti labebasebenta khona uma sibajela kutsi sigayo siyavalwa kusho Ntombeba.lamanye emamOU's lamaningana SAFDA lanawo emiphakatisini leyehlukene, eMelmoth nase sifundzeni sase Mpumalanga. Letivumelwano tista tiphinde tilekelele ebalimi kutsi baphatse kahle umhlaba bachubeke lekahle siphindzi stfole timakethe.





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ye Global Ethanol eWashington  
nebakhicit! bakolweni ethanol babuye  
SAFDA bekumele ahanganyele  
ekusebenta, umoya, kungcola  
kumoya, shukela, kudla eNdiya.

wonke bahlangana kutokuhluunywa indaba yetidzingo nemkhicito, imboni, bucwephesho nemsetfo lophatsele ne ethanol. I U.S. Grain Council(USGC) isebentisana neballingani bayo emhlabeni wonke, bakhiciti eningizimu Afrika, loko kutifanela uma kucatсанiswa nebalimi bemoba eNingizimu Africa,tonke letindlela kumele titsatfwe nguhulumende wala eningizimu afrika ne bakhiciti ngokusenjetiswa kwebioethanol kunecothane, petrol lene othane lesetulu yenta tinjini tisebente kahle nemotho wemafutsa ube setulu.

ne U.S ne Brazil bakhichte 80% iEthanol emhlabeni balandzelwa E.U neChina. Njenge Africa sibekelwe i'global growth etimakethe te bioethanol'ititfunywa iethanol leshibhile kutsi itsenziswe. SAFDA uphenya ngekuhluka yimpumelelo kwahlanganwa ngekubambisana,kuchubeka nekuhlala kubiofuel lokuchufwe litiko letemandla neTimali,nanome kulo 2020 linani leethanol lehlile ngale covid-19 bakhiciti labanyenti labafaka ekhatsi U.S bantjintje ukhichito we ethanol benta leminyemikhichito njenge tibulala magciwane etandleni.

# SAFDA uchaza nge tinkinga te Covid-19

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U mhlaba wonke ubukene nenkinga lelibuhlungu ngalesifo iCovid-19, buyachubeka bulukhuni emindenini leminyenti. Le ligciwane lishiyel emindenini ihluphaka ngkulahlekelwa misebenti nekuvalwa kwemabhizini. Hulumende sewucele tinhlango letshintsekako kutsi tisite tifake sandla njengobe kubonakala kutsi lesifo sihlasele umnotho wemhlaba wonke nye ngempi yemhlaba yesibili. I-World Health Organisation ibone lesifo iCovid -19 njengesifo lesingasikahle mhlaba wonke.

ICovid-19 ishayel kakhulu emnoftweni emhlabeni wonke, kungako hulumende sekacele mavelasibentsana nawo kutsi kusitwe labo labahlangabetane nebulukhuni lobubangelwe ngulolubuhlane. Natsi singu South African Farmers Development Association (SAFDA) sikhonile kunikela ngemaphasela ekudla langu 600 ebantfini labakudzingako lapha esifundzeni sase Mpumalanga. Lomsebenti wenteke kahle nge kubambisana nangcongcoshe wetimali, umnotfo, tekutfutukisa nekuvakashela Mnumzane Pat Ngomane. Tikhulu taSAFDA tisebente nebalimi labakhetsiwe wekumikisa lamaphasela ekudla ngobe kuyacaca kutsi lelivel lidzinga noma nguluphi luhlobo lwelusto kute simo sibe ncono. Kulamanye emakhaya uma babona SAFDA babona timanga. Kulabanye makhaya masifika bebatsi banemalanga kudla bangakwati batinatselela emanti lashiako kugcwalisa sisu. Lokungitsintsile lokukhombise kutsi kunyenti lokumele kwentiwe, hulumende ngeke akhone kwelekelela yedwa, kwasho Siyabonga Madlala sikhulu sakasaSAFDA.

Mam Makhubela waseMasibekela wahluleka kubamba tinyembeti ngalesikhatsi anikwa liphasele lekudla, watsi bamfole aphaka emakhoya lawakhokhe ngemuva kwendlu yakhe. washo kutsi ngiko kudla lobekana kwenini kutsi kudliwe kona ngaphabi kwekutsi bamuphe leliphasele. umndeni wami bewubuke lamakhoya kusasa bengingati kutsi ngitawunikani. Simo sibi kulendlu njengobe kute losebentako sibuke imali yempesheni lengakhoni kondla bantfu labasitfupha, kusho Mam Makhubela.



*Injongo yemphilo akusikho  
kujabula. kungukutsi  
usitakale, uhlonishwe,  
bakuvele loko kutawenta  
umehluko kutsi uyaphile  
uphidze uphile kahle*  
- Ralph Waldo Emerson



# Utsela lomubi weCovid 19 kubalimi!

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**M**engameli lomuhle waseningizimu Afrika Cyril Ramaphosa longasikahle kubalimi lotako, lokungumtsela

warmemetele kutsi kusukela mhaka 20 kubudget, nakulesitjalo.

Lolubhubhano lubangele kutsi nabosokontileka

labagawula umoba babe

netinkinga letiholele

bagcine ekutseni

sebakhuphula netindleko

tekugawula umoba.

Libhizinisi! lekugawula

umoba livula ematfuba

labancane kutsi lemnye imitsetfo

yaloluvalelo bebangakhoni kufinyelela

kuyo. Loluvalelo lwacala uma kucalwa

kuwana umshini ku2020/2021.

Lemnye imitsetela leyahlangabetana nebalimi! emkhakheni washukela kwaba kungena kancane kwemoba emsigayweni, lokubangele kutsi kube khona umoba losalako (carry over). lomunye umoba lebekufanele ungene kulomnyaka esigayweni angeke usangena sewuyongena kulomnyaka

service.

bona bebangakacokwa njenge essential

letiya emisebentini. Bomagawulane

betitfutsa linani lelitsite letisebenti

linani letisebenti, ngobe tekutfutsa

liphocelele bosokontileka kutsi behlise

kuCovid-19 uma kumele aphungule tisebenti takhe

ngenca yalolubhubhane. Kumatima

kakhulu uma kumele ngidzilite

tisebenti ngobe labanye sengisebente

nabo sikhatsi lesidze kakhulu. kodwa

ngenca yalesifo sekumele ngikhiphe

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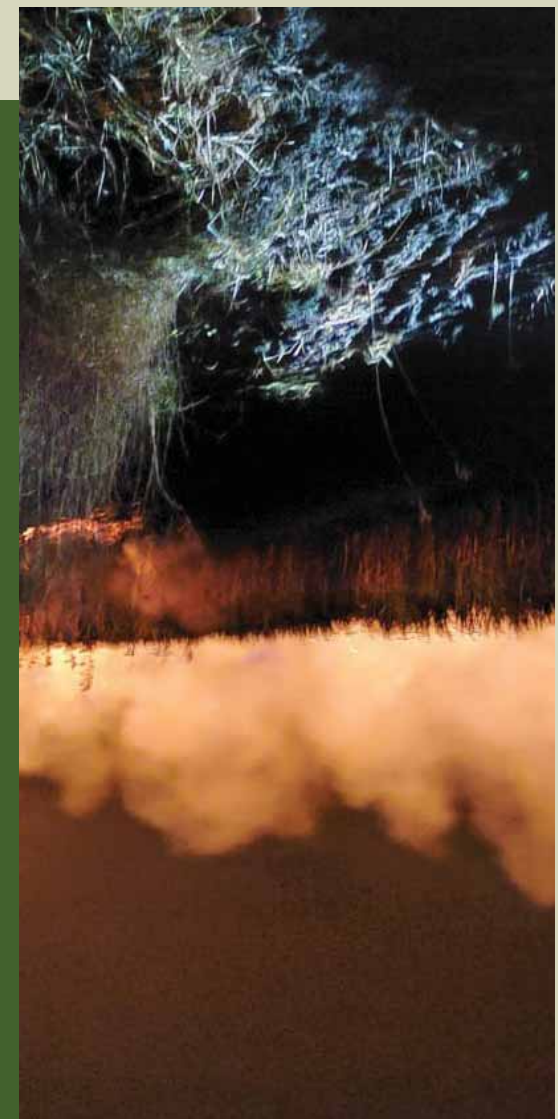
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liviki. Ngiyatsemba lelive litawuncoba

ngekusushesha kuloku kute kungabi

nemisebenti lelalekako, kwasho

Mhlongo.



# Tingucuko embonini!

## yashukela ngekuaba khona kweftu

Sifiso Mguni, Head: Grower Affairs



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# Inchubomgomo yashukela

Ngamhlaka 23 June 2020 hulumente wakhupha ephaphandabeni lahlumende bekusiceshana ngalokufinyetive se Sugar Master P lan ngekukhetseka kwemboni ngekwemtsetfo wemcudzelwano, neluntjintfo embonini ya shukela i.e. umtsetfo sisekelo weSouth African Sugar Association (SASA) nesivumelwano sase mboni yashukela.

Luntjintfo lolukhona kuba khona kwaSAFDA njengelilunga lelisentsetfeni emboni yashukela. Kuncoaba ngiko lekumele sikujabulele njenge nhlango nebalimi labamnyama emkhakheni yashukela. Lomtsetfo uyophelwa sikhatsi ngeMdlolovenkulu 2024. Siyafisa kutsi



yebalimi kumele isayine sivumelwano sekusebenta ngekubambisana nekutsi bangabukwana njani netingcinamba letitsintsa balimi. Loluntjintfo kumele luvisiswe kahle. Tikhulu ta SAFDA titawusitana nalama local structures kuncedzisa ngaloluntjintfo.

SAFDA uyamukele yonke lemtsetfo ne Master Plan leyente tingucuko lebesolo siliwela eminyakeni lesihlanu leyengcile. Sibuye sicingisekise kutsi likusasa lemboni liyakhula liphinde lisimame. Njengoba Dr Madlala ahlafe asho kutsi asifuni kuba yincenye yemboni lefako, sifuna kubona ukhakhahashukela ukhula kuphinde kube netigucuko.

# Kubuyekethwa kwemboni

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## Umtsetfo umkhakha weshukela

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### I-Sugar Master Plan

mboni isabukene nebulukhuni netinkinga letingenta likusasa kufaka ekhatsi, kungena swashukela yabita R4 220,58. letinye tinkinga angaphandle. manje lokutjintjintja kufaka sandla ekucindzeta lomkhakha wetfu. Imboni yashukela ingumhlahlandlela ngemisebenti iyaphila endzaweni yaseMakhaya esifundzeni sakwazulu Natal nase Mpumalanga. Letinkinga temboni yashukela tente hulumente nalasebentisana nabo bakhuluma kutsi lemboni ingasimama njani. R3 574,41. ya 2019/2020 yakhuphuka

Isugar Master Plan iseluhleweni lekutsi icala kusebenta. Kukhushulwa kweLinani lashukela wala eSouth Africa kuzo kuvelwe lemboni yashukela. Tibalo tekutsengisa ta2020/2021 tikhombisa kubuyiselwa kwemathani lalahleka uma kusungulwa le Health Promotion Levy (HPL) ekucaleni. I SAFDA ibona kutsi le Sugar Master Plan yalabalimi labancane babhadalwe ngelinani lentengo yetimakethe kulimali ingakhishwa imali yekutfumela etimakethe. Kutawuba nelitsimba leliphetsiwe lelitaosebenta nale small scale farmers master plan lokungulapho naSAFDA ngemisebenti. Kunalelinye litsimba lelitaosebenta ne long term intervention ngokuhlulahlukana embonini. Letinye tingcoco ngeke tibe khona kuzo kukhetfwe ngokwemtsetfo walomcudzelwano. Ticele tekungena kulomcudzelwano setifakiwe, kuliindzeleke kutsi kuphendulwe nga October.



ehlabeni nje sewulilunga le central executive committee ya SAFDA. Sihlalo Dlakuze uyokhunjulwa ngu wonkhe wonkhe ka SAFDA, Lapho lalakuqhili kutachubeka kuphakaise ihlangano.

bekalilunga lelinqethiwe ku Komati Mill Area Committee(MAC) wacoka njengemgini mafa lofihlakele ekucaleni kwa 2020 lapho SAFDA bekanezinkinga tebuholi aMpumalanga wabuye ngalokufanele embonini, nalabasita ngetimali ka akwande webalimi labancane. Usishiya

# Balimi baseMpumalanga ngaphansi kwebuholi lobusha

By Nondumiso Mlondo and Sifiso Mguni

Usishiye emhlabeni nga September 2020, ushiya emuva umsebenzi. moya wakhe ngatsi ungala ngekuthula.

ISSG committee inemalunga langemashumi lamabili nakubili (22) labamele ebalimi labancane Ekomati nas Malelane. emva kwekushona kwa Dlakuze ISSG isele nelisekela lasihlalo lokungumnumzane Ernest Mashabane. Mashabane longusomabhizinisi eNkomazi utsi kulima kudzinga bantfu labasebenta ngekutikhanda ngobe kuphumelela asiyo into lelula longavuka unayo. Emlandweni kumele sisebente nzima tinto tetfu tonke tikhanye sibuye sihloniphane ngobe kuphumelela kwaleli komidi kukulababholi labasebentela kuzaza kwawo wonkhe umlimi" kwasho Mashabane.

Sihlalo webalimi labanikwa uhlabo balimi labanikwe umhlaba. Li komidi labanikwe umhlaba ne SSG kudzingeka kuti babe munye babambane, ngobe sonke singaphansi kwasandla saSAFDA. Kusebenta kahle nangekutsembeka kubhizinisi nguko lokukahle kwasho babe Thumbathi.



Tiphitsiphitsi letalandzela ebuholini, Balimi bemoba base Komati nase Malelane batitole sebangaphansi kwebuholi lobusha. Lolukhetfo lwentiwe lwalobuholo lobusha Property Association wakhethwa ngobesihlalo webalimi labanikethwa umhlaba, lapho Mnumzane Vusi Dlakuze wakhethwa njengasihlalo webalimi labancane. Letibuhlungu Dlakuze akasaphilaga sikhatsi lesidze atobona titsetlo talobuholi bakhe.



## Luhlulwemiphakatsi

Igama lenhlangano		Emahectar labuyiselwe		Inani lamakhaya	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Umphakatsi wase eNtembeni</li> <li>• Umphakatsi wase Makhasaneni</li> <li>• Bukhosi base Ntembeni</li> <li>• Sive sakwa-Dludla</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 801 hectares</li> <li>• 1 250 hectares</li> <li>• 1 433 hectares</li> <li>• 1 122 hectares</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 350 households</li> <li>• 99 households</li> <li>• 150 households</li> <li>• 66 households</li> </ul>	

## Ehlangotsini lwemphakatsi

Abanako	UmoBa (HA)	Makotapeni (HA)	Tihlahla (HA)
Emakhasaneni	613	68	96
Entembeni	777	121	513
Entembeni House	594	80	306
Isizwe Sakwadlula	793	54	62

# Sihlalo Diakudze: Lobekaphetse kweSikhshane seWusishiyile emhlabeni!

Sifiso Mnguni- Grower Affairs Head



Chairman Vusi Diakude

Balimi bemoba esifundzenisa kwazulu-natal neMpumalanga yonke kuyobatsatsa sikhatsi kutsemba kutsi sihlalo wabo Vusi Diakudze akasekho emhlabeni. South African Farmers Development Association (SAFDA) itsi ngekutsembeka kwakhe nekufundziseka kwakhe ndlelanhle noma hambakahle, Mnumzane Vusi Peter Diakudze. Diakudze watalelwa endzaweni yakamdzuba ka (Hhoyi) nga 1968, watalwa ngu Esther Nkosi na Mcoshwa Phineas Diakudze. Wacala tifu ndvo takhe temabanga laphansi ngemnyaka wa 1974 kaHhoyi primary school wayocedzela emabanga lasetulu e

Ngemnyaka wa 1998 watsatsa uhlaphansi wasungula tekungwaba nelibhizinisi lekulima umoba. Ngawo lomnyaka wa 1998 wajoyina licembu le ANC nalapho wasebenta njengegellunga lelitsembekile, nalapho bekasebenta ngalokukhulu kutikhandla emsebenitini wakhe webuholi, wasita nema comrade kutsi akhuphukele etulu. Ngo 2017 Diakude wajoyina iSouth African Farmers Development Association (SAFDA) kamva



# sit a ball! eMelmoth

By Nondumiso Mondo: Media and Communications Practitioner



■ South African Farmers Development Association (SAFDA) yang gena kuservice Level Agreement (SLA) nelitiko letekutfufukisa emakhaya nekuniketela ngemihlababha kutoniketela tinstita letehlukahlukeno kubanikati nakubalimi labancane nalabalini labanikwa umhlaba. SAFDA sewungene naku Co-Management Agreement nemiphakatsi lemine e Melmoth. Njenge ncenye ye Co-Management Agreement, SAFDA ubambe etinhlalo tekulima wabuye watibophelela ekuphatseni nasekuncedziseni kuwo wonke lamaproject lamane. IMelmoth inema hecter langu 6800 kulamahectes kunemoba, tihlahla, emakotapeni latfuyelwa etindzaweni temhlaba.

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baniketwa ngekwemsetfo we nkantolo  
nga 2019 kuniiketana ngaletimphahla  
malo kusemsetfweni kwaba khona  
kusukela ngeNdloulwenkulu 2020  
kuya phambili. Lemine kulemiphakatsi  
lesihlanu ikhetse kusebentsana  
naSAFDA eminyakeni lesihlanu  
kuya kulelishumi letako etinhlweni  
nekubambisana, lemiphakatsi iNtembeni  
lena 1801 ha/a, Emakhasanen! lena  
1250 ha/a, bukhosi base Entembeni  
1433 ha/a, ne mphakatsi wase lisizwe  
Sakwa-Dludla sina 1 122ha/a. ngetulu  
kwalo lo lubanjiswano lanalo SAFDA  
nalemiphakatsi sente timali tekucala  
kusebenta, imishiini netifo tekusebenta  
kuze sikhone kuchubeka nekusebenta  
nekukhitha. Kusungulwa kwale farm  
management company njengesandla  
salenhlangano kutogucula indlela  
yekusebenta yebalimi labahlulelekako kute  
kutoba nemkhichito lomuhle lotawuba  
nentengo lekalah.

neutrogeno lekale.

- Uma imiphakatsi ingena kutihlangano tekubambisana batsenjiswa kutsi kutawatjelwana ngelwati kutsi uma sekufikwa ekugcinene kwesivumelwano lobekubanjiswene naye uyayekela, sekumele batilimele bona ngekwabo. SAFDA utawuhlonipha letitsembiso latele kulemiphakatsi ngetinhlalo tetifundo teminyaka lembili lapho kutawutsatfwa labatsite bayofundziswa ngemsebenzi ngemphakatsi ngemphakatsi! SAFDA uphindze asite imiphakatsi ekutfufukisa emaproject, lafana
- Tingadze temiphakatsi letisekelwa ngu DARD
- Labatsingisako
- Sikalo
- Tifuyo

SAFDA utsandza kumukela Ms Johnmariae Fubbs lokhetfwe ngu SAFDA kutsi abe ngusihlalo we South African Sugar Association (SASA) emhlanganweni lokhetsekile walabakhetfwe ngu SASA lobewukhona kuentsembama kutsi atochubeka nemsebenzi wakhe Fubbs usilesele umcebo webuholo. Usekomidini lalabasita lelisebenta Nkosatane Fubbs ujoyine labanye bomake labavele babaholi kulemboni. SAFDA bekayitrayililbhaza yekutfula bomake etikhundleni nasicala ngemnyaka wa 2018, sakhetisa kutibophelela kwakhe ekwenteni Nkosatane Fubbs ukhombise nalabanikwa umhlaba kuyanakwa. kucindzeteleka kwebalimi labancane timboni takusasa. Ngekcucinisekisa kutsi lebhizi ngetingucuko tekwakha sijoyinwe ngu Ms Fubbs kulemboni lomusha, sijabule kakhulu kutsi kutsi atochubeka nemsebenzi wakhe Fubbs usilesele umcebo webuholo. Usekomidini lalabasita lelisebenta Nkosatane Fubbs ujoyine labanye bomake labavele babaholi kulemboni. SAFDA bekayitrayililbhaza yekutfula bomake etikhundleni nasicala ngemnyaka wa 2018, sakhetisa kutibophelela kwakhe ekwenteni Nkosatane Fubbs ukhombise nalabanikwa umhlaba kuyanakwa.

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