



## Undercover Farming Conference – Western Cape Programme 09 – 10 October 2019

Wednesday, 09 October 2019

**08:00 – 09:55 Registration of Delegates / Opening of Info Tables**

- 09:55 Welcome by **Suzanne Oosthuizen** - MD: Undercover Farming Expo PTY LTD
- 10:00 – 10:45 **Official Opening / Keynote: Dr Mogale Sebopetsa** - Programme: Farmer Support and Development Branch: Agricultural Development and Support Services, Department of Agriculture Western Cape Government  
**“Status Quo of the Department”**
- 10:45 – 11:30 **Melissa Timothy** - Dube Tradeport Special Economic Zone  
**“The Importance of Biotechnology in the Field of Agriculture in Future Times  
Dube TradePort’s role in Enabling Scientific Techniques to be Available to Growers for  
Supplementation and/or Improvement of Current Agricultural Practices.”**
- 11:30 – 12:00 **Tea**
- 12:00 – 12:45 **Laura Dewar** - GAC Laser International Logistics  
**“Overview of the new Inco 2020 terms and the role of a clearing and forwarding agent  
for imports & exports”**
- 12:45 – 13:30 **Francois Knowles** - APAC  
**“Regulation in turbulent times”**
- 13:30 – 14:30 **LUNCH**
- 14:30 – 15:15 **Mark Hill** - Netafim SA  
**“NETBEAT - The first irrigation system with a brain”**
- 15:15 – 16:00 **Nico Uys** - AgroOrganics  
**“The Microbial Perspective - Not tunnel Vision”**
- 16:00 – 16:30 **TEA**
- 16:30 – 17:15 **Eldon Kruger** - Pratley Marketing  
**“Perlite as growing medium”**
- 17:15 – 18:00 **Reinette Champanis** - Enza Zaden South Africa  
**“Development of vegetable varieties”**
- 18:00 – 21:00 **UNDERCOVER FARMING NETWORK/COCKTAIL EVENT  
– ALL REGISTERED DELEGATES INVITED!**
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**08:00 – 08:25 Info Tables Open – Network Session**

08:30 – 09:15 **Gail Pedra** - Green Meds

**“Overview of the Cannabis Industry in SA and essential oils  
- the opportunities in local and export”**

09:15 – 10:00 **Dudley Pohl** - Sunsilicates

**“Perlite, Vermiculite, Attapulgate - growing mediums”**

10:00 – 10:45 **Theo Fisher** - Escience Associates PTY LTD

**“Estimating the economic impact of the recent Western Cape drought and the  
potential for large scale netting as water saving measure”**

10:45 – 11:15 **TEA**

11:15 – 12:00 **Deon Snyman** - PlusNet/Geotex

**“An overview of shade netting and shade net cover construction”**

12:00 – 12:45 **Tom Murray** - Woolworths

**“A retail perspective on current trends in fresh produce and the consumer”**

12:45 **Official closing of conference**

13:00 – 15:00 **LUNCH**

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