



DRAFT 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: Western Cape Agriculture**
“Status Quo of the Department”
- 10:45 – 11:30 **Melissa Timothy - Dube AgriLab**
“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 IMO 2010 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**
“Netafim NETBEAT technology”
- 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 – 11:00 **TEA**

11:00 – 11:45 **Lynn Gunning - NFT Hydro**

“Hydroponics Hype: Local interest drives a growing market.”

11:45 – 12:30 **Gavin Olsen - Cropsystems**

“TOPIC TO FOLLOW”

12:30 – 14:00 **Retail Panel Discussion - “Participating Companies: TBC”**

“A retail perspective - Current trends and future overview”

14:00 **Official closing of conference**

14:00 – 15:30 **LUNCH**
