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**PROVINCIAL CLIMATE-SMART AGRICULTURE DIALOGUE TO BE HELD
IN FREE STATE PROVINCE**

The National Department of Agriculture Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) in conjunction with Free State Provincial Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environmental Affairs (DARDEA) will host a two-day Provincial Climate-Smart Agriculture Dialogue on the 03 to 04 September 2024, to share experiences of agricultural resilience and adaptation to natural disasters, especially meteorological hazards. The said dialogue is being organised through Directorate: Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction with the support of the Free State DARDEA.

The Climate-Smart Agricultural Dialogue will be approached under the theme: ***“Improve the resilience of agriculture and food production systems by using climate-smart approaches”***.

The purpose of the dialogue is to debate Climate-Smart Agriculture and strategies that will render food production systems more resilient, to reduce the generation of greenhouse emissions, and to maintain food security. The main focus objectives are to exchange knowledge, experiences gained from research, technology, and strategies based on successful experiences in climate smart approaches.

More than 60 experts and representatives from national and provincial government stakeholders, academic and research institutions, non-governmental organizations (NGO), United Nations Agencies (e.g. FAO, IFAD), organized agriculture and farmers will take part in the said Provincial Climate-Smart Agricultural Dialogue. There will be panel dialogues with experts in various fields for the two-day duration of the provincial dialogue.



The MEC for Agriculture, Rural Development and Environmental Affairs Ms. Elzabe Rockman, will grace the dialogue with her presence and deliver the keynote address at the opening session of the Provincial Climate-Smart Agriculture Dialogue accompanied by the Head of Department, Dr. Takisi Masiteng.

Members of the media are invited to the Provincial Climate-Smart Agricultural Dialogue.

The details of the Provincial Dialogue are scheduled as follows:

Date : **03 – 04 September 2024**
Venue : **Kopano Nokeng, Bloemfontein, Free State**
Time : **08h00 – 16h30**

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