



Meet our Speakers

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Ntombi Msimang has been at the forefront of SMME development, mentoring and financing for the past 20 years and holds a BSc. Admin (Accounting) from the United States International University in San Diego. She is amongst others the founder and Managing Director Peulwana Agricultural Financial Services, and Chairperson National Agricultural Marketing Council (NAMC). Ntombi is passionate about the integration of support services, both financial and technical, including access to markets, for the emerging farmer entrepreneur in Africa.

Ntombi Msimang, Chairperson National Agricultural Marketing Council (NAMC), South Africa



Dr. Hsin Huang is Secretary General of the International Meat Secretariat (IMS). Prior to joining the IMS, Dr. Huang worked at the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), where he was responsible for assessing the role of agriculture in climate change, food security and sustainability and „green growth“. Dr. Huang has published articles on climate change and agriculture, and is on the editorial board of the Journal „Outlook on Agriculture“.

Hsin Huang, International Meat Secretariat (IMS), France



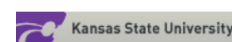
Dr. Derek Baker leads ILRI's team on Changing Demand and Institutions within the Institute's Research Theme on Markets. Formerly, Derek led the agribusiness innovation program at the Danish Institute of Food and Resource Economics in Copenhagen. A farmer and agribusiness consultant in New Zealand during the market reforms of the 1980s, Derek has since worked in the public and private sector in over 40 countries. He holds a first class honours degree (Animal Science and Farm Management) from Massey University, and a PhD (Agricultural Economics) from the Pennsylvania State University.

Derek Baker, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)



Kevin works in the Ag Econ Department at Kansas State University, USA. His extension program covers leasing and buying land, crop and livestock production economics, and marketing. Kevin is the lead author of the beef, dairy, and swine budgets published annually. He has developed numerous decision tools and is a primary contributor to www.AgManager.info. He conducts research analyzing the risks and returns of alternative crop and livestock production systems, land values and crop leasing arrangements, machinery costs, and the economics of technology adoption.

Kevin Dhuyvetter, Department of Agricultural Economics, Kansas State University, USA



Dr. Peter Barnard is currently the General Manager, Trade and Economic Services for Meat and Livestock Australia (MLA). In this and previous roles Peter has been closely involved in many major market access issues that have confronted the Australian meat industry over the past two and a half decades. The role also involves delivering market information to the Australian beef and sheepmeat industries and over sighting the planning of MLA programs. Dr. Barnard previously worked as a tutor, lecturer and research fellow at Adelaide and Macquarie Universities. He was employed for five years as a research scientist by the Australian Road Research Board. Dr. Barnard was also employed for a time as the Director for Transport and Telecommunications for the National Farmer's Federation. Dr. Barnard has a PhD in Economics from Adelaide University.

Peter Barnard, Meat and Livestock (MLA), Australia



Prof. Sergio De Zen is a Professor at São Paulo State University. He studied agricultural engineering in USP and did his PhD in applied economics. Since 2001 Sergio is the Head of the team 'economics of animal protein' at CEPEA/ESALQ USP. Furthermore he works as a Consultant for the World Bank for animal economics in Brazil. He coordinates a group of Mercosul cost researchers.

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Dr. Claus Deblitz is an agricultural economist and works with the Institute of Farm Economics, Johann Heinrich von Thünen-Institut (vTI) in Braunschweig, Germany. He coordinates the global research network, 'agri benchmark Beef and Sheep' and contributes more than 20 years experience in international production system analysis, benchmarking and policy analysis. He could deepen his experience during long-term research stays in South America, USA, New Zealand and Australia.



Claus Deblitz, Institute of Farm Economics, Johann Heinrich von Thünen-Institut (vTI), Braunschweig, Germany



Prof. Hettie Schönfeldt is a member of the IMS Human Nutrition and Health Committee Workshop on Red Meat and Health, and is currently the Manager: Administration Red Meat Research and Development South Africa (RMRD SA). As researcher she has published more than 60 contributions in numerous international journals and books, 117 technical reports for industry, and more than 130 contributions to conferences. Under her guidance the nutrient content of South African beef, lamb, mutton, and chicken, milk and milk products has been assessed.



Hettie Schönfeldt, Red Meat Research and Development South Africa (RMRD SA)



Dr. Langa Simela is the Chief Executive Officer of the National Emergent Red Meat Producers' Organisation (NERPO) of South Africa. Her major interest is the application of Animal Sciences to the development of commercially-oriented livestock producers in the smallholder productions systems. She has 12 years' experience in facilitating livestock farmer and farming community development, research coordination, and organisational development and management.



Langa Simela, National Emergent Red Meat Producers' Organisation (NERPO)



Ernesto Reyes is a livestock economist and has been working in Latin America for more than 15 years in livestock developing projects. During the last 8 years he has been involved in the coordination of the *agri benchmark* network in Spain. Ernesto, as an expert, has been deeply implicated in the design and implementation of the national livestock networks, developing the platform analysis for beef, cow-calf, sheep and dairy.



Ernesto Reyes, National Network of Typical Farms, TRAGSATEC, *agri benchmark* partner, Spain



Gerhard Schutte is the Chief Executive Officer of the Red Meat Producer Organisation (RPO). He is qualified as an animal scientist with a MSc (Agric) degree from the University of Pretoria. He is a trustee of the Meat Industry Trust and also serves as the Chairperson of the Planning Committee for large and small stock of the Red Meat Research and Development Trust.



Gerhard Schutte, Red Meat Producer Organisation (RPO)



Leon de Beer is the General Manager of the National Wool Growers' Association of South Africa, which provides a Production Advisory Service to wool sheep producers in South Africa, with significant impact in assisting black producers to access and participate in the commercial- and export wool market. He is qualified as an animal scientist from the University of Pretoria, and also completed his honours degree in Extension. He has extensive experience in agricultural development and extension.



Leon de Beer, National Wool Growers Association (NWGA)



Dave Ford is currently Executive Director of the South African Feedlot Association (SAFA) and also chairperson of the Red Meat Industry Forum. He studied at the University of Stellenbosch where he attained a MSc in Ruminant Nutrition. He also attained an AEP qualification at UNISA, served as a Technical Nutritional Advisor in the Animal Feed industry and was Feedlot General Manager at Kanhym Estates with a capacity of 86 000 cattle and 9 000 lambs. He owns an extensive cow- calf farming enterprise in the Northern Cape.



Dave Ford, SA Feedlot Association (SAFA) and Red Meat Industry Forum (RMIF)

