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Over \$600 million worth of agri-projects to be presented at African Agri Investment Indaba

The African Agri Council in partnership with Wesgro and the Western Cape Department of Agriculture will bring the <u>African Agri Investment Indaba</u> (AAII) to Cape Town from 28 - 30 November 2016. AAII features the "Investment Discovery Matchmaking" sessions which will see project owners get the opportunity to pitch to a robust panel of investors - a unique and key highlight of the Indaba.



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Over 30 projects have already been submitted from 10 African countries covering a range of sectors such as technology, poultry, aquaculture, meat and livestock, fisheries and agro-processing to name a few.

"The Investment Discovery Sessions' database of projects will appeal to a broad range of investors who are looking at getting in the double-digit returns that the African agri-sector has to offer... half of the projects we've found thus far are greenfield and the other half focus on expansion and existing projects... with 30 projects already in, we expect this number to exceed our 100 project target by November" says Ben Leyka, executive director of the African Agri Council who organises the event.

Some of the heavyweight finance and investment companies already on board include Acorn Private Equity, Thebe Investment Corporation, 1K1V, JIC Holdings, Agri-Vie Investments, Octopus Investments, Industrial Development Corporation (IDC), Scibus Investments PTY Ltd., Old Mutual Investment Group, Signature Agri Ventures Ltd., Camscorp, Old Mutual Investment Group, FNB, Deutsche Bank to name a few.

"We are building a platform where delegates can do more to accelerate investment into this sector," says Leyka.

With participation from Nigeria, Ghana, Rwanda, South Africa, DRC, Tanzania, Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe to name a few - the African Agri Investment Indaba is a must attend for any financier or investor involved or interested in the African agrisector, whether seasoned or a new entrant. Not only can delegates expect a number of opportunities to network with and learn from industry heavyweights and pioneers, but the unique forum offers a superb opportunity to fill their pipelines.

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