

AFASA's Young Farmers Summit is a contribution to food security for the future

From 28 to 29 August 2018, The African Farmers Association of South Africa (AFASA) will be hosting its third annual AFASA Young Farmers Summit (AAYFS) at Cedar Woods in Sandton under the theme, *Building a New Legacy*. With the aim of seeing future farmers network, share experiences and grow together to contribute to food security, AFASA is inviting young farmers to attend AAYFS and interact with stakeholders to identify opportunities to access mentorship, equipment, skills development and financial support.



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"The aim of this event is to mobilise young farmers, mobilise support from stakeholders as well as build strong relationships with young people who are involved in farming," says Nono Sekhoto, AFASA youth desk national chairperson.

The 2018 edition includes delegates from both private and public sectors such as headline sponsors and will feature a lecture session on **climate smart agriculture** by Cedric Baloyi from the ICCO Cooperation and a keynote address from businessman and entrepreneur, Miles Khubeka. Young farmers in attendance will stand a chance to win access to various business support to further develop their farming enterprise.

"In light of the current land debate and the need for our country to ensure food security for generations to come, it has become even more important that we are able to empower young farmers, especially black youth, to ensure that they are able to function optimally in these trying environmental and economic times" add Vuyo Mahlathi, President of AFASA.