

31ST COMMONWEALTH
**AGRICULTURE
CONFERENCE**

1 - 5 NOVEMBER 2026 CENTURY CITY CONFERENCE CENTRE

Holland.



RASC 2026 COMMONWEALTH AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE

OPPORTUNITIES OF CHANGE IN A CONNECTED WORLD - FROM SOUTH AFRICA TO THE WORLD

1-5 NOVEMBER 2026, CENTURY CITY CONFERENCE CENTRE, CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

MAIN CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2026 @ CCCC

12:00 – 13:30 **REGISTRATION** (FOR MAIN CONFERENCE DELEGATES) & LUNCH

13:30 – 14:10 **WELCOME & OPENING**

Sir Nico Bacon, Chairman of the RASC

Hon Shirley Botchwey, Commonwealth Secretary General

Chris Fourie, RASC Trustee & Agri-Expo President

Dr Ivan Meyer, Minister of Agriculture, Economic Development & Tourism: Western Cape

14:10 – 14:50 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

The Opportunities of a Changing World

RASC Keynote Speaker

RASC President's Reply

Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal

14:50 – 15:30 **AFTERNOON TEA & GROUP PHOTOGRAPH**

15:30 – 17:30 **SESSION 1: GLOBAL AGRICULTURE: FROM SOUTH AFRICA TO THE WORLD**

Understanding the Diversity of South Africa & its Agricultural Sector

Christo van der Rhee, Chief Executive of the FW de Klerk Foundation, South Africa

The Mohair Empowerment Trust: A True Example of Ubuntu in Agriculture

Beauty Mokgwamme, General Manager, The Mohair Empowerment Trust, Mohair South Africa

Panel Discussion

17:30 – 18:00 **DAY 1 REFLECTIONS**

John Bennett, OAM, President of the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales, Australia

18:00 – 18:30 **RASC AGM** (Members only)
Evening – own arrangements



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WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2026 @ CENTURY CITY CONVENTION CENTRE

09:00 – 11:00 SESSION 2: AGRICULTURAL SHOWS & EVENTS – CHANGING LIVES

The Changing Demographics at Shows & Events

Robyn Sermon, Chief Executive of the Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia

Educating the Consumer

Joel Cowley, Chief Executive of the Calgary Stampede, Canada

11:00 – 11:30 MORNING TEA

11:30 – 13:00 SESSION 3: AGRICULTURAL SHOWS & EVENTS – ADAPT OR DIE

Biosecurity in a Changing World

Elmarie Prinsloo, Chief Executive of Bloem Show, South Africa

Multi-Cultural Gatherings – the Challenges & Opportunities

Jenni Vernon, Board Member of New Zealand National Fieldays Society

Panel Discussion / Q&A

13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH

14:00 – 15:00 SESSION 4: RESILIENCE & SUSTAINABILITY

Do the Right Thing: A Commitment to Ethical Business Practices

Melt Loubser, MD: Fair Cape Dairies, Chairman: South African Milk Processors' Organisation (SAMPRO)

The Impact of Climate Change in the Western Cape

Francois Rossouw, 2025 National Young Farmer of the Year, South Africa

Panel Discussion / Q&A

15:00 – 15:30 AFTERNOON TEA

15:30 – 16:30 SESSION 5: THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

City, Farm & Beyond: The Never-Ending Opportunities

Shannon Robertson, 2025 Western Cape Prestige Agricultural Worker of the Year

The Lessons We Learn Along the Way

Emily Norton, Chair of the Agricultural & Horticultural Development Board (AHDB), UK

Panel Discussion / Q&A

19:00 – 22:00 CONFERENCE DINNER



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THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2026 @ CCCC

09:00 – 10:30 SESSION 6: SHAPING THE FUTURE

The Challenges & Opportunities From One Generation To the Next

Nigel & Tanya Lok, Co-owners of Robhoek Dairy Farm, Eastern Cape, South Africa

Where There is Wool, There is a Way

Stefan Gerber, Wool Producer & Founder of Gerber & Co, South Africa

10:30 – 11:00 MORNING TEA

11:00 – 13:00 CLOSING SESSION

Closing Keynote

Opportunities of Change in a Connected World – From South Africa to the World

RASC Keynote Speaker

Next Generation Report

Will Streatfeild & Tobie Payne, Next Generation Facilitators

Vote of Thanks

Breyton Milford, RASC Trustee & Agri-Expo General Manager

Introduction to the 32nd Commonwealth Agriculture Conference

Chris Riddle, RASC Honorary Secretary

Conference Reflections

John Bennett, OAM, President of the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales, Australia

Closing

Sir Nico Bacon, RASC Chairperson

13:00 – 14:00 LUNCH



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