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31ST COMMONWEALTH
AGRICULTURE
CONFERENCE

1 - 5 NOVEMBER 2026 CENTURY CITY CONFERENCE CENTRE

Hollard.



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RASC 2026 COMMONWEALTH AGRICULTURE CONFERENCE

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

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NEXT GENERATION CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2026 @ FNB PORTSIDE

09:15 – 09:40 WELCOME TO THE NEXT GENERATION SESSION

Will Streatfeild, RASC Next Generation Trustee

Tobie Payne, RASC Next Generation Trustee

Louis Wessels, Manager: Legal Services, Agri Western Cape & Secretariat: Red Meat Producers Organisation (RPO), Western Cape

09:40 – 09:50 WELCOME FROM FNB, host of the NG Session

09:50 – 10:00 WELCOME FROM THE RASC

10:00 SESSION 1: CREATING FUTURE LEADERS

Chair: Tobie Payne, RASC Next Generation Trustee

10:00 – 10:20 GETTING THE MOST OUT OF A RASC CONFERENCE AND YOUR JOURNEY WITH THE RASC

William Prichard, RASC Trustee, Award-Winning Farmer & Broadcaster

10:20 – 11:00 MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

Roux Steenkamp, 4th generation sheep farmer, Carnarvon, Northern Cape

11:00 – 11:20 MORNING TEA

11:20 SESSION 2: EMBRACING TECHNOLOGY FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Chair: Louis Wessels, Agri Western Cape

11:20 – 11:50 THE FUTURE & DRIVING LONG-TERM GROWTH

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

11:50 – 12:20 RESILIENCE THROUGH DATA-DRIVEN DECISIONS

Lynda McDonald, PhD Candidate - Farm Resilience. Global Food Systems Alliance.

12:20 – 12:50 Panel Discussion led by Edward Scott, Soil Scientist at Soil & Land Company, Australia



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12:50 – 13:40 **LUNCH**

13:40 **SESSION 3: THE NEXT GENERATION OF AGRICULTURE**
Chair: Will Streatfeild, RASC Next Generation Trustee

13:40 – 14:10 **THE NEXT GENERATION OF AGRICULTURAL SHOWS**
Jamie Jones, International Association of Fairs & Expositions (IAFE)

14:10 – 14:40 **FROM CITY TO FARM AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN**
Shannon Robertson, 2025 Western Cape Prestige Agricultural Worker of the Year

14:40 – 15:20 *Panel Discussion led by Emily Norton, Chair of the Agricultural & Horticultural Development Board, UK*

15:20 – 16:00 **CLOSING SESSION**

2025 Botswana Understanding and Assistance Mission Report

2027 Understanding and Assistance Mission Announcement

CLOSING REMARKS

16:00 – 16:30 **AFTERNOON TEA**

16:30 – 17:15 **FNB SAUVIGNON BLANC SA TOP 10: INTRODUCTION & TASTING**
Morgan Steyn, Winemaker, De Grendel Wine Estate

17:15 – 18:00 **FNB ROOFTOP EXPERIENCE**

18:30 – 22:00 **NEXT GENERATION DINNER @ GRAND AFRICA CAFÉ & BEACH**



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JOINT CEO / NG SESSION CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2026 @ CENTURY CITY CONVENTION CENTRE

09:00	SESSION 1: LEADERSHIP IN A CHANGING WORLD Chair: Aled Rhys Jones, Chief Executive of the Royal Welsh Agricultural Society & past RASC NG Trustee
09:15 – 09:50	LEADERSHIP AND RESILIENCE <i>Vianca Erasmus</i> , Senior Agricultural Advisor, Western Cape Department of Agriculture Q&A
09:50 – 10:30	THE FARMER'S MINDSET FOR LIFE AND LEADERSHIP <i>Kenny Eng</i> , Founder & Chief Farmer, The Local Farm Ventures, Singapore Q&A
10:30 – 11:00	MORNING TEA
11:00	SESSION 2: SUSTAINABLE THINKING FOR THE FUTURE Chair: Will Streatfeild, RASC Next Generation Trustee
11:00 – 11:30	BRIDGING THE GAP FOR THE NEXT GENERATION <i>Patrick Charlton</i> , Vice President Europe, Alltech Q&A
11:30 – 12:00	SUCCESSION PLANNING FOR A SUSTAINABLE AGRI SECTOR <i>Andries Wiese</i> , Head: Agriculture, Hollard Q&A
12:00 – 12:15	SUMMARY OF THE JOINT CEO / NG SESSIONS CEO SUMMARY - <i>James Godfrey</i> , RASC Trustee NG SUMMARY - <i>Harry Huddart</i> , Royal Smithfield Club
12:15 – 13:25	LUNCH
13:30 – 17:00	MAIN CONFERENCE
19:00 – 22:00	CEO DINNER @ De Grendel Wine Estate (CEO REGISTRANTS ONLY)



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