



Western Cape
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Western Cape Department of Agriculture

Management Improvement Plan

Africa Strategy

DP Troskie
2022

**WESTERN CAPE AFRICAN AGRICULTURAL STRATEGY
MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

1. MANAGEMENT RESPONSE ON RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation		Record of agreement or disagreement	Reasons for disagreement
1	Intergovernmental collaboration and problem solving.	Agree	
2	Africa Agri-business Initiative Centre.	Agree	
3	Agro-tech and innovation hub.	Agree – particularly as pertaining to R&D, training and extension services.	Only pertaining to Agriculture and not forestry and fisheries.
4	Policy and regulatory support.	Agree as far as veterinary support	Only veterinary services is within the Department's international mandate.

2. IMPROVEMENT OBJECTIVES

Recommendation 1:	Intergovernmental collaboration and problem solving.
Improvement Objective 1:	Active Intergovernmental intra-Africa cooperation is leading to the solving of Africa's problems.
Recommendation 2:	Africa Agri-business Initiative Centre.
Improvement Objective 2:	Information in support of African Agri-business is freely available.
Recommendation 3:	Agri-tech and innovation hub.
Improvement Objective 3	Constructive exchange of agricultural technology and co-development of new technology is perused and information sharing is taking place.
Recommendation 4:	Policy and regulatory support.
Improvement Objective 4	Regulatory support available in the veterinary environment.

3. IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Improvement Objective 1: Active Intergovernmental Intra-Africa cooperation is leading to the solving of Africa's problems.							
Output	Priority	Activity	Deliverable	Person	Deadline	Budget available	Progress
1.1 Strengthen links between WCDaA and African diplomats in the Province.	1.1.1	Invite CGs to Open day	Event	DP Troskie	22 August 2022	Operational	
	1.1.2	Invite CGs to Nampo Cape	Event	Minister	16 September 2022	Operational	
	1.1.3	Participate in the Premier's SG event	Event	Premier	April annually	Operational	
1.2 Official outwards missions	1.2.1	Annual visit by Minister and departmental official(s) to Priority African country	Ministerial visit	Minister	Annual	Operational	
	1.2.2	Annually include visits by officials to priority countries in the International Interaction Calendar	Report	DP Troskie	31 March annually	Operational	
	1.2.3	Outward missions taking place as per the International Interaction Calendar	International visit	As per the International Interaction Calendar	As per Calendar	Operational	
1.3 Continue with annual "Africa rising" report.	1.3.1	Produce and publish	Reports such as Africa Agenda, New Opportunities for SA Agriculture: The AfCFTA, SA tariff and non tariff barriers in the AfCFTA	B Matofifi	Annual and ad hoc	Programme 6	Main report to be completed in March 2022, one report completed and published, and research continuing on the other

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Output	Priority	Activity	Deliverable	Person	Deadline	Budget available	Progress
1.4 Continue with the process to engage Africa markets and trade		1.3.2	Obtain "Africa Reports" from other institutions	B Matofi	Annual and regularly as linked to research conducted	Programme 6	Available downloads from various institutions, BFAP Baseline Launch
		1.4.1	Identify key markets and products in Africa for Agriculture	B Matofi	Annual and ad hoc	Programme 6	Main report to be completed in March 2022, one report completed and published, and research continuing on the other
		1.4.2	Engage Wesgro, DTIC, DALRRD & industry role players to make sure that the identified markets are engaged.	B Matofi	Annual and ad hoc	Programme 6	04 June 2021 and ongoing
		1.4.3	Distribute information on opportunities	B Matofi	March 2022	Programme 6	21 June 2021 and ongoing
			Sharing of information through various platforms (e-mail stakeholder list and colleagues, AgriProbe, workshops, website)				

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Improvement Objective 2:		Information in support of African Agri-business is freely available.						
Output	Priority	Activity	Deliverable	Person	Deadline	Budget available	Progress	
2.1		2.1.1	Support Africa Agribusiness Indaba	B Matofi	Annual	Operational		
		2.1.2	Support Africa Day	S Mandondo	Annual	Operational		
		2.1.3	Participate in official missions (see 1.2 and 1.4 above)					
2.2		2.2.1	Participate in Wesgro initiatives.	B Matofi	Continuous	Operational		

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Improvement Objective 3:		Constructive exchange of agricultural technology and co-development of new technology is perused and information sharing is taking place.						
Output	Priority	Activity	Deliverable	Person	Deadline	Budget available	Progress	
3.1		3.1.1	Use the CG-meeting (see 1.1.1) to determine interest	List of potential parties for R&D cooperation	Chris de Brouwer	30 September 2022	Operational	List of collaborators is in the process of being constructed through ongoing engagement
		3.1.2	Explore cooperation with Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (KARI)	Written recommendation on the way forward	Chris de Brouwer	30 November 2022	Operational	Process to be initiated through bilateral talks.
3.2		3.2.1	Invite a guest lecturer to do a virtual discussion at the college	Lecture	Hayley Rodkin	30 November 2022	Operational	
		3.2.2	Take a decision on the most appropriate way to expand cooperation	Written recommendation on the way forward	Hayley Rodkin	30 November 2022	Operational	
3.3		3.3.1	Invite an extension guest lecturer to do a virtual discussion at an extension block session	Lecture	Hlami Ngwenya	30 November 2022	Operational	
		3.3.2	Take a decision on the most appropriate way to expand cooperation	Written recommendation on the way forward	Hlami Ngwenya	30 November 2022	Operational	
3.4		3.4.1	Participate in annual ReNAPRI, FANRPAN, Rurorum,	Participation captured in the Annual	Dirk Troskie	Annually	Operational	

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3.5 Develop joint programmes with donor organisations.		AFAAS, AAAE, etc. events	International Interaction Calendar					
	3.4.2	Explore a way to develop links with the African Union	Report	Dirk Troskie	31 December 2023	Operational		
	3.5.1	Ministerial visit to the Committee on Food Security of the FAO	Ministerial visit	Minister	31 December 2023	Operational		
	3.5.2	Engage the EU Commission in Pretoria to explore potential cooperation.	Meeting	Dirk Troskie	31 December 2022	Operational		

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Improvement Objective 4:		Regulatory support available in the veterinary environment.						
Output	Priority	Activity	Deliverable	Person	Deadline	Budget available	Progress	
4.1		4.1.1	Establish informal interactive platform with Veterinary Services counterparts	Information sharing, alerts and document bottlenecks and/ or areas requiring improvements	G Msiza	December 2023	Operational	
			4.1.2	Improved and interactive operational framework	Use OIE reports and ECOS data to monitor trends and identify percolating risks	V Henwood	December 2023	Operational
4.2		4.2.1	Joint disease surveillance interventions	Epidemiology divisions of identified countries form a structured reporting framework	V Malan	December 2023	Operational	
			4.2.2	Laboratory technology transfer	Laboratory Proficiency Testing mechanisms	M Seutloali	December 2023	Operational
				4.2.3	Personnel Exchange	Officials share and exchange best practices	G Msiza	December 2023

4. COMMUNICATION PLAN

Target audience	Message	Purpose	Media vehicle	Deadline	Person	Budget available	Progress
Decision makers	Cooperation strategy	Obtain approval	Cabinet Submission	30 November 2022	Dirk Troskie	Operational	
People in the Department	Cooperation strategy	Inform staff	Article in the Loerle	30 November 2022	Shelton Mandondo	Operational	
			Presentation at Extension Symposium	31 July 2022	Dirk Troskie	Operational	Done on 14 July 2022
Stakeholder clients	Content of the strategy	Information sharing	Launch	27 May 2022	Dirk Troskie	Operational	Completed
Other departments							
General public	Content of the Strategy	Information sharing	Radio Eisenburg	30 November 2022	Dirk Troskie	Operational	
Academic environment							
Other							


5. SIGNOFF

It is recommended that this Management Improvement Plan is implemented

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