

Sustainable, Ecological Crop and Horticulture Conference

FOR LARGE SCALE FARMERS, 8 – 9 AUGUST 2013
OKAHANDJA COUNTRY LODGE, NAMIBIA

PROGRAMME

Day 1: 8 August 2013

07h30 - Registration

08h30 - Welcome

08h40 - Sustainable Ecological Agriculture explained
Manjo Smith - Chairperson, Namibian Organic Association

09h00 - An overview of the Green Scheme
Julia Nghituvali Nambili - Agronomist, AGRIBUSDEV

09h20 - The role of the Market Share Promotion in facilitating demand for local horticultural products in Namibia
Louis Peens - Managing Director, Fruit & Veg Namibia

09h40 - Changing consumer preferences - influencing the way farmers produce food to serve new markets
Volkert Engelsman - Chief Executive Officer, EOSTA, Holland

10h30 - Coffee/Tea break

11h00 - The importance of building resilient farms in response to climate change
André Leu - President, International Federation of Organic Agricultural Movements, Australia

11h40 - The paradigm shift from conventional agriculture to sustainable ecological agriculture
Mike Prevost - Lorraine Farm, Elgin, South Africa

12h20 - Making soil management decisions based on measured soil health indicators
Dr. Michael Southwood - Agricultural Consultant, Southern Cross Trust, South Africa

13h00 - Lunch

13h45 - Agribank loan offers
Mr. Regan Mwazi - Marketing and Communications Manager, Agribank

14h00 - Development of Vocational Educational Training in Namibia to serve the agriculture sector
Dr. Peter Lenhardt, Dalia Sheehamandje - Namibian Training Authority

14h30 - Case Study: SEKEM. Converting the Egyptian Desert into an oasis
Tobias Bandel - Managing Partner, Soil & More, Germany

15h30 - Coffee/Tea break

16h00 - Organic certification for the Namibian and international market
Stephen Barrow - Afrisco/Namibian Organic Association

17h00 - End of day 1

18h00 - Dinner, Okahandja Country Lodge

Day 2: 9 August 2013

08h00 - Affordable, innovative small-scale drip irrigation
Danie Marais - Technical Adviser Agronomy and Horticulture, Agra Professional Services

08h20 - The status of organic agricultural research internationally
Dr. Irene Kadzere - The Research Institute of Organic Agriculture FiBL, Switzerland

09h00 - The role of AMTA in the horticulture industry
Lucas Lungameni - General Manager, AMTA; Jacob Hamuntenya - Regional Manager, AMTA

09h30 - Biological methods in controlling pests and diseases

Panel Discussion on the control and prevention of:

- Fungal diseases (e.g. fusarium, botrytis, alternaria)
- Bacterial diseases (e.g. erwinia)
- Insects (e.g. plant lice, white fly, thrips, lepidoptera, diamond back moth, red spider mite)
- Nematodes

10h30 - Coffee/Tea break

11h00 - Compost Workshop, including practical demonstration
Tobias Bandel - Managing Partner, Soil & More International, Germany

Producing high-quality, disease suppressing compost:

- The benefits of composting
- Different compost techniques
- The basics of making compost (heap structure, materials, crop residue management)
- Carbon / nitrogen ratios
- Microbial inoculation
- Compost pile management
- Quality management
- How to use the end product

Preparing & using compost tea

Tobias Bandel - Managing Partner, Soil & More International, Germany

13h00 - Lunch and practical workshop, Greenfields

15h30 - Closing Day 2

16h00 - Side event: Brainstorming session

Research needed to support crop and horticultural producers in Namibia

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