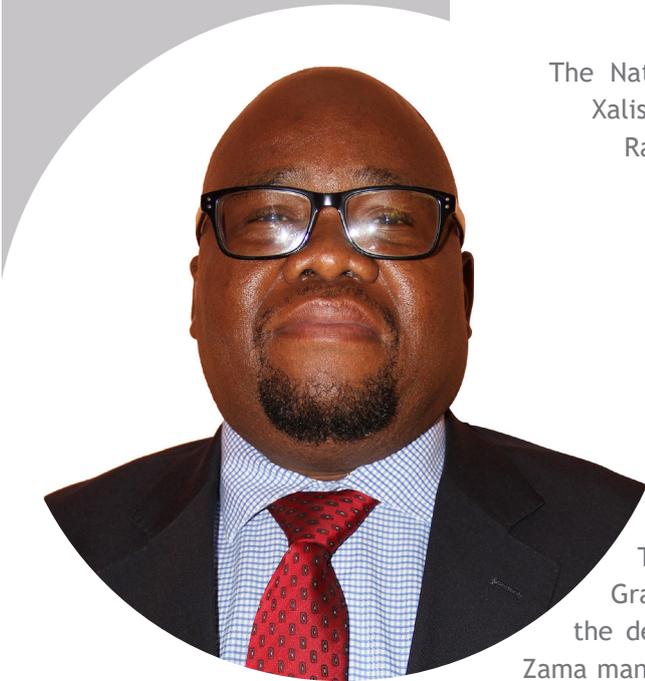


# Acting Chief Executive Officer Mr Zama Xalisa



‘I am passionate about development and economic prosperity for the sector. In all my experience, I have learned that all sides can benefit and to see progress there should be no us or them mentality.’

The National Agricultural Marketing Council has appointed Zama Xalisa as its Acting CEO. His appointment comes after Ronald Ramabulana tenure as CEO ended on 28 April 2017. Mr Xalisa holds two Masters qualifications (Masters Business Administration - Millpark Business School and Masters in Sustainable Agriculture - University of Free State), Management Advanced Programme (Wits), Designing and Executing BEE Strategy (GIBS).

He joined the NAMC in 2009 As an Agricultural Trusts Senior Manager. His role included representing the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in 11 Agricultural Industry Trusts such as the Maize Trust, Mohair Trust, Citrus Trust. Zama played a formidable role in the establishment of Grain Farmers Development Trust (GFADA) which advocates for the development of grain black farmers. Other notable projects Zama managed and chaired included SIP 11 and AIMS, establishing the National Red Meat Development Programme, the AgriBEE Threshold Study on behalf of DAFF and once a member of the ABSA Transformation Committee.

He brings along extensive experience from the financial sector where he oversaw the restructuring of financing for emerging agribusinesses and farmers. This role allowed him a broader view of the sector. A strategist and innovator, Zama brings to the role a wealth of diversification and business sense approach. He is passionate about transformation and looks forward to work with the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and other stakeholders.

Among his new current responsibilities will include developing and maintaining strong working relationship with the Council and the Chairperson through integrity, transparency and delivery focused approach, effective management of strategic partnerships and alliances with stakeholders and industry partners.

The Chairperson Andre Young expressed confidence in the mandate given to Zama Xalisa and wished him well in the acting capacity.