

POST: MINISTERIAL REPRESENTATIVES (2) TO SERVE ON THE SOUTH AFRICA CULTIVAR AND TECHNOLOGY AGENCY (SACTA)

The National Agricultural Marketing Council's division dealing with Agricultural Industry Trusts has a mandate to facilitate the communication process between the agricultural trusts and the Minister of Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF). Among other things, Agricultural Industry Trusts division is expected to facilitate the process of the appointment of Ministerial Trustees. This release is aimed at fulfilling that activity regarding the SACTA.

OBJECTIVES OF THE SACTA:

- a) Established to act as a collection agent by facilitating the process whereby a levy system, as provided for by law can be implemented in respect of self-pollinated grains and oilseeds in terms of the provisions of the Agency Agreements;
- b) Collect the levies on behalf of the industry, and
- c) Distribute the levies, including any interest or other income earned in respect of the levies, minus the Facilitation Fee, to the seed breeders according to the predetermined market share for the sole purpose of funding cultivar/seed breeding research and related activities.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA TO SERVE AS A MINISTERIAL TRUSTEE:

- (a) Be a South African citizen;
- (b) Understand and/or be able to analyse & interpret the financial statements and investments;
- (c) At least 5 years' experience in agriculture, forestry and fisheries;
- (d) Should have knowledge and understanding of transformation policies of the government;
- (e) Possess a desire to advocate and advance the needs of smallholder farmers;
- (f) Not be an immediate family member nor be involved in a business venture with NAMC members;
- (g) Be influential and able to work effectively as a member of a team;
- (h) Willingness to accept trustee duties and responsibilities; and
- (i) Have an understanding of agricultural trusts, statutory levies and their objectives.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MINISTERIAL TRUSTEES:

- (a)** Ministerial trustees have a legal obligation to take shared responsibility for the agricultural industry trusts in which they represent the Minister on, and must ensure that;
 - i. The trust pursues its objectives or purposes as set out in the trust deed;
 - ii. The assets of the trust are protected and used exclusively to pursue its purposes; and
 - iii. The trust complies with the law and its governing documents.
- (b)** The Ministerial trustees should be available for the meetings and report to the NAMC regarding the key issues discussed and decisions taken during the meeting;
- (c)** Report to the NAMC regarding activities of SACTA on a continuous basis;
- (d)** Ensure that agricultural industry trusts' and levy funds are utilized in a manner that is consistent with objectives of the trusts deed/levies and that transformation projects are undertaken in accordance with the transformation charters for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE:

- (a)** Research;
- (b)** Agriculture and awareness of emerging farmer issues;
- (c)** Serving the public interests;
- (d)** Governance;
- (e)** Diversity;
- (f)** Financial management;
- (g)** Political/ Local, Provincial and National government knowledge; and
- (h)** Legal knowledge

TERMS OF MINISTERIAL TRUSTEES:

The terms of the Ministerial trustees differ from one trust to another and is guided by the Trust Deed of each trust. Ministerial trustees may serve only two consecutive terms and the reappointment is subject to the performance and commitment of the trustee in the first term. The trustee who has served for two consecutive terms will normally not stand for reappointment.

Please forward your Curriculum Vitae (CV) to Mr. Matsobane Mpyana at mmpyana@namc.co.za and Ms. Precious Yeki PYeki@namc.co.za , closing date: 15 June 2018. If you have not been contacted within three months of the closing date, please note that your application was unsuccessful.