

# CHEERS TO A SUCCESSFUL LEADERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

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The National Agricultural Marketing Council (NAMC) and the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries hosted a Leadership Engagement on 25- 26 September 2018. This was the first time such an engagement has been hosted between the Ministry of DAFF and the NAMC. Zama Xalisa, Chief Executive Officer of NAMC, said the hallmark of the forum was to be emphatic about bringing the Ministry closer towards industry priorities.

Deputy Minister - *"We congratulate the NAMC on the clean audit and we hope you continue in this stride. I agree SOE's like yourself must be capacitated however as leadership we must be educated about industry successes and challenges. We should not only be invited when the industry is facing collapse. My message to you as NAMC and industry; increase market access for all farmers and participants."*

Zama Xalisa - *"Your support and the foundation laid down by your predecessors Honourable DM, has enabled us to once more achieve a clean audit. It is our plea that our budget allocation receives a high level of consideration and review in order to increase market access for all market participants."*

At its Strategic Plan, the NAMC committed to support DAFF in meeting sectorial priorities. Some of these priorities included accelerating jobs through infrastructure. Acting Chief Director for Agro-Processing and Marketing highlighted that DAFF was in the process of reviewing the alignment of MAP Act and the intermittent role NAMC was supposed to play.





NAMC Chairperson and CEO welcoming the Deputy Minister, Honourable Sifiso Buthelezi



VIP Table of 10 NAMC board members with Deputy Minister, Honourable Sifiso Buthelezi



Schalk Burger with DAFF and industry stakeholders



Programme Director:  
CEO: Zama Xalisa

# Gala Dinner



Opening and Welcoming Remarks:  
Chairperson: Prof PK Chauke



Message from the Management Team:  
Mr. B. Nyhodo- Snr Manager: Agri Trust



Key note address:  
Deputy Minister: Sifiso Buthelezi



Vote of thanks:  
Council: Mrs F. Mkile



Deputy Minister, Honourable Sifiso Buthelezi with NAMC Council



Deputy Minister, Honourable Sifiso Buthelezi with NAMC Management