



ANNUAL MINISTERIAL AND INDUSTRY TRUSTS ENGAGEMENT

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09 November the National Agricultural Marketing Council (NAMC) hosted its Annual Ministerial and Industry Trusts engagement at Burgers Park Hotel, Pretoria. The annual occasion was convened to update the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Senzeni Zokwana on the progress and operations of the Industry Trusts. Specifically, the engagement was to also address concerns of Ministerial Trustees and the manner through which transformation is implemented.

Bonani Nyhodo Senior Manager of the Agricultural Trusts said the NAMC was tasked to facilitate communication between the Industry Trusts and Minister. "Primarily, we ensure the Industry Trusts are open and apprise their shareholder (the Minister) on the performance of the Trusts. Industry Trusts were afforded an opportunity to present to the Minister their transformation milestones."

Mohair Trust funded 7 black owned projects supporting them with angora goats while National Lucerne Trust assisted their own farmers with enterprise development. The Grain Farmer Development Association also noted important milestones, with one of their farmers now exporting maize to China.

As a shareholder in the Industry Trusts, Minister Zokwana urged the industries to change the status of Trusts operation. 'Your contribution to the development of our sector is fundamental and if we cannot work together then our people suffer and food production' he said. One of the key things the Minister emphasized was enterprise development to be treated as a transformation imperative.



NAMC Chairperson Prof PK Chauke introducing Minister, Hon Senzeni Zokwane



NAMC CEO Zama Xalisa, relaying challenges faced by Ministerial Trustees



Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Senzeni Zokwana emphasised the need for Industry Trusts to be change agents.



Minister with his appointed Ministerial Trustees that represent him in the Industry Trusts

Minister Engagement



Minister engaging with all representatives of the Industry Trusts



All stakeholders of the industry trusts represented.