

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 the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD). 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 Sorghum Trust.

OBJECTIVES OF THE SORGHUM TRUST:

The main objective of the Trust is to maximise the income of the Trust and to provide funding for the benefit of the Sorghum Industry and in particular, without limiting the generality of the foregoing in any manner whatsoever, for –

- (a) Sorghum research and development projects in the interest of the Sorghum Industry; and
- (b) The maintenance of information required by the Sorghum Industry.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MINISTERIAL TRUSTEES:

- (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

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, land reform and rural development;
- (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 in the Sorghum industry;
- (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) Understand agricultural Trusts and their objectives.

TERMS OF MINISTERIAL TRUSTEES:

The terms of the Ministerial Trustees differ from one Trust to another and are 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:

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Closing date: 19 June 2020

If you have not been contacted within three months of the closing date, please note that your application was unsuccessful.

QUALIFYING CRITERIA TO SERVE AS A MINISTERIAL TRUSTEE:

- (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 the Sorghum Trust on a continuous basis;
- (d) Ensure that Agricultural Industry Trusts' funds are utilized in a manner that is consistent with objectives of the Trust deed and that transformation projects are undertaken in accordance with the transformation charters for Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development.

