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## **NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL MARKETING COUNCIL MOURNS THE DEATH OF FORMER COUNCIL MEMBER MS MARIE VAN DER MERWE**

The NAMC has received sad news of the passing away of its former Council member Ms Marie van der Merwe.

Ms Marie van der Merwe served the Council from 2012 until 2016, where she was also the Chairperson of the NAMC's Human Resources and Remuneration Committee.

Ms Van der Merwe also served on various Committees and Boards such as the South African National Consumer Union (SANCU), National Water Forum of TAU-SA, Agricultural Trade Forum, Impartiality Committee of SABS, Security and Risk Committee of SABS, and the Board of Trustees of the Oil and Protein Seeds Development Trust.

"Ms Marie van der Merwe was a leading hand in shaping our Human Resources strategies particularly in mobilising bursary funding for the youth. Through her efforts, the NAMC has become a proponent of mentoring upcoming agricultural economists. She continued this work as a trustee at the Oil and Protein Seeds Development Trust", said the Chief Executive Officer Dr Simphiwe Ngqangweni.

Ms Van der Merwe will also be remembered as a great champion of consumer protection, food safety and security matters.

"The NAMC passes its condolences and offers prayers to the Van der Merwe family at this time of grief", said Mr Angelo Petersen, Chairperson of the NAMC.

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