

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 Deciduous Fruit Industry Development Trust.

**OBJECTIVES OF THE DECIDUOUS FRUIT INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT TRUST:**

The objectives of the Deciduous Fruit Industry Development Trust are to benefit, either directly or indirectly, beneficiaries that have been previously disadvantaged. The objectives of the Trust contained in the Trust Deed are as follows;

- (a) Fund the development, upliftment and promotion of beneficiaries, with particular emphasis on the transformation, exposure and upliftment of previously disadvantaged individuals and communities, focusing on training, mentoring and providing information, amongst other things,
- (b) Provide assistance to beneficiaries with their entry into and participation in the industry, particularly of members from previously disadvantaged communities,
- (c) Identify and recruit suitable candidates from within the ranks of the beneficiaries for training and advancement in the deciduous fruit industry in South Africa, with particular emphasis on the transformation and upliftment of previously disadvantaged individuals and communities that qualify as beneficiaries,
- (d) Liaise with Provincial Members of the Executives (MECs), the National Minister of Agriculture, the Department of Agriculture, the NAMC and other interest groups in the deciduous fruit industry, with a view to collaborating on a development and training policy so as to promote training and development of the beneficiaries, and
- (e) Facilitate and fund market research and the generic promotion of the deciduous fruit industry to the benefit of the beneficiaries.

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

**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 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.

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