



Undercover Farming Conference and Expo - Gauteng

Conference Program

25 & 26 March 2026

CSIR International Convention Centre, Pretoria

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| Wednesday 25 March 2026 | |
| 08:00 – 09:15 | Registration: ALL DELGATES & EXHIBITORS – Network on Expo Floor Coffee/Tea & Network Session |
| 09:15 - 09:30 | Welcome: Programme Director: Undercover Farming Conference and Expo |
| 09:30 - 10:15 | Andrew Ardington – RegenAgSA "Regenerative Agriculture - Where Soil Health, Nutrient Density & Sustainable Economics Intersect" |
| 10:15 - 11:00 | Martin von Holdt – Greener Solutions "Reducing greenhouse operating cost via automation" |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | Coffee/Tea & Network Session |
| 11:30 - 12:15 | Ockie van Niekerk – Optima Agrik "The importance of salinity in irrigation water for Undercover Farming Operations" |
| 12:15 - 13:00 | Hendrik Eksteen – Grow Fresh Produce Agents "Fresh Produce Markets – Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow" |
| 13:00 - 13:45 | Dumisile Mbatha – Dube TradePort "The Dube AgriZone Model: Driving Growth, Innovation, and Inclusive Farming" |
| 13:45 - 14:45 | LUNCH (Registered Delegates, Speakers & Exhibitors Only) |
| 14:45 - 15:30 | Nico Uys – Ezolimo Organics "Biostimulants, biofertilisers & biocontrols – understanding modes of action" |
| 15:30 - 15:45 | Exhibitors Introduction Session |
| 15:45 - 16:30 | Andre Myburgh – Control Union "G.A.P, Environment, Food safety, Social Certifications for Undercover Farming – Why and how to get certified" |
| 16:30 - 17:00 | Coffee/Tea - Network Session |
| Thursday 26 March 2026 | |
| 09:15 - 09:30 | Welcome: Programme Director: Undercover Farming Conference and Expo |
| 09:30 - 10:15 | Elzette Schutte – Berries ZA "The South African Blueberry Industry: Growth, Global Positioning and the Road Ahead." |
| 10:15 - 11:00 | Hans Meiring – Meiring Strukture "Netting Structures – Information session" |
| 11:00 – 11:45 | Joel van der Schyff – Agrilogiq "Climate Automation in Practice: Managing VPD Across Different Cooling Systems" |
| 11:45 – 12:00 | Coffee/Tea & Network Session |
| 12:00 - 12:45 | Dr. Martin Maboko – Hygrotech "Urban Farming under shade nets" |
| 12:45 - 13:30 | Delphy SA Session: "Plants Under Cover: The Hidden Physiology Driving Performance"– Estelle Kempen "Delphy services included Data driven Cultivation" - Herbert Stolker |
| 13:30 - 14:15 | LUNCH (Registered Delegates, Speakers & Exhibitors Only) |
| 14:15 - 15:30 | Haifa South Africa Session: "What you can expect of a REAL orthosilic acid Silica application - Werner van der Nest "Innovation in water soluble nutrition - Gerrit Burger |
| 15:30 - 15:45 | Exhibitors Introduction Session |
| 15:45 - 16:30 | Marc Slabber – Talborne Organics "Regenerative Principles in Undercover Farming" |
| 16:30 - 17:00 | Coffee/Tea - Network Session |
| 17:00 - 18:00 | Breakdown of Info Tables/Exhibition Area |