



Western Cape Undercover Farming Conference and Expo

21 - 22 October 2026

Allée Bleue, Groot Drakenstein, Cape Town

Wednesday 21 October 2026

07:00 - 09:00	Registration: ALL DELGATES & EXHIBITORS – Network on Expo Floor - Coffee/Tea and Snacks
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome by Suzanne Oosthuizen – Organiser of the Undercover Farming Conference and Expo.
09:15 – 10:00	Keynote: Lukeshni Chetty – Chief Executive Officer and General Manager – SANSOR – Topic: “From Seed to Society”
10:00 – 10:45	Kobus Pienaar - Woolworths – Topic: “Drivers and Barriers to the Adoption of Regenerative Agriculture”
10:45 – 11:30	Prof. Karen Jacobs – Univ. Stellenbosch – Topic: “Soil health: Why microbes matter”
11:30 - 12:00	Coffee/Tea and Snacks - & Network Session
12:00 - 12:45	Nerine Koch – Consultant – Topic: “Root Zone Health Under Pressure: How Acidification Undermines Your Fertigation Program (and Calcium Uptake)”
12:45 – 13:30	Hans Meiring – Meiring Structures – Topic: “Netting Structures – Information session”
13:30 - 14:30	LUNCH - (Registered Delegates & Exhibitors Only)
14:30 - 15:15	Tshogofatso Matlala - GreenCape – Topic: “Undercover Farming as an Investment Opportunity in the Western Cape”
16:00 – 17:00	Farm Visit – Cultura Fresh – Session presented by Haygrove & Theo Mokken (Cultura Fresh) <i>(Please note that space is limited – delegates must arrange own transport to the farm)</i>

Thursday 22 October 2026

08:00 - 09:30	Registration – Network on Expo Floor - Coffee/Tea and Snacks
09:30 – 10:15	Elzette Schutte - BerriesZA – Topic: “The South African Blueberry Industry: Growth, Global Positioning and the Road Ahead.”
10:15 - 11:00	Tom Murray - Woolworths – Topic: “Light Years Ahead?”
11:00 - 11:45	Nico Uys – Ezolimo Organics – Topic: “Why the World's Best Undercover Growers are Obsessed with Microbes”
11:45 - 12:00	Tea & Network Session
12:00 - 12:45	Paul Makube - FNB – Topic: “The Economics of Controlled Environment Agriculture: Where Does Undercover Farming Fit in South Africa’s Agricultural Future?”
12:45 - 13:30	Dr Ida Wilson - <i>Specialist Agricultural Scientist Crop Systems Consultant</i> – Topic: “From Blossom to Market: Finding and Fixing the Hidden Causes of Post-Harvest Loss”
13:30 - 14:30	LUNCH - (Registered Delegates & Exhibitors Only)
14:30 - 15:15	Joel van der Schyff - Agrilogiq – Topic: “CLIMATE AUTOMATION IN PRACTICE: A data driven look into managing VPD Across Different Greenhouse Cooling Systems”
16:00 – 17:00	Farm Visit – HortiDemoCentre - Estelle Kempen – Univ. Stellenbosch