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NW DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO HOST INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT SUMMIT

Mahikeng – The North West Provincial Government through the Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (DARD) in its endeavour to foster and/or establish possible investment partnerships and collaborations within the Agricultural Sector will be hosting its 1st International Agricultural Investment Summit jointly with the Global Economist Forum (GEF).

The aim of the summit is to address and encourage awareness of agriculture in a broader spectrum; to introduce new dimensions in rural development and sustainable agriculture as well as to promote Entrepreneurship and Corporate Social Responsibility; to explore preparation of land to cultivate new types of crops as well as establishment of a vibrant economy that will immensely contribute to making the North West Province a revered food basket.

Following her commitment to host an Agricultural Investment Summit made during the 2019/2020 Departmental Budget Speech Vote, MEC Desbo Mohono will host international and local delegates across all spheres of government including private entities on a two day programme that will focus on changes in the agricultural production; managerial practices; recent innovations, trends, concerns as well as practical challenges encountered and related solutions adopted in promoting and strengthening investments in the field of agricultural development.

The Global Economist Forum is a general consultative member organization of the United Nations (UN). One of the key priorities of GEF is to provide support to different countries with the development of agriculture in designated regions by utilizing and cultivating lands through the help of trained agriculturalists, mainly from the South Asia. It is on this basis that the Forum intends to develop and

transform the abundant available land in South Africa to be the bread basket which will benefit the South African citizens and most importantly the people of the North West Province, as the host.

The Summit has been scheduled as follows:

- **DATE:** Thursday, 12 and Friday, 13 December 2019
- **TIME:** 08h00 am daily
- **VENUE:** Rio Casino & Convention Centre, Klerksdorp, City of Matlosana Local Municipality

Members of the media are invited to cover this important initiative.

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