My Experience as a Youth, Emerging, Black, Female Farm in the Transforming Agricultural Economy in South Africa

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Farming Experience

Financial and Farm Management – staff of 24

Dairy - herd of 250

Sheep - herd of 2 500

Planting Maize & Sunflower - 700 ha arable land

Apples 4 ha

Beef - herd of 450, 1400 ha of grazing land
Exploring the Agricultural Sector

Presidential Youth Working Group
  - Representing agriculture

Department of Trade & Industries
  - Trade Missions to Berlin, Netherlands

African Farmers Association of SA (AFASA), NEC member youth representative

Oklahoma State University, Fellows Program

Public speaking at various conferences
GrowthShoot

Established in 2014 by two young black females. Mission:

- Collaborate with established partners
- Create enabling ecosystem for youth farmers to succeed
- Develop business models that provide steady income streams for youth farmers
- Engage and employ youth graduates in
GrowthShoot Partners for the Pilot

- Access to Market
  - Exposure and Marketing
  - Access to Land
  - Shared Inputs, Infrastructure & Logistics costs
  - Business Support Services
  - Technical Skills
  - Access to Finance
    - Banks, financiers, business
    - Gov departments
    - Investment from Private individuals???

A.T. Kearney
Management Consulting

SAB Foundation

AFASA

AGTS Commodities Workshop & Publication
16-17 September 2016

Makolobane Farmers Enterprises (PTY) Ltd.

Norton Rose Fulbright
Conclusion

- Financial remains the main obstacle that influences many factors
- Established businesses have a major part to play
- Immediate intervention required for youth farmers
- Innovative ideas will most likely come from the youth
Thank you

Young Farmer in Tzaneen

TEDxWomen Speaker, Pta

Makolobane’s Farmers Day with MEC

Fruit Logistica, Berlin

Oklahoma State University Fellows, US

AFASA Media Launch with DAFF Minister and Deputy, Pta

Professional Fellows Congress, DC

Presidential Youth Working Group, Pta