



# Research Symposium: Underpinning Sustainable Tree Plantations in Southern Africa

## Draft Programme

Welcome and Introduction	Sally Upfold (ICFR)
S&T Policy, in support of the forest sector and forest research	DST Minister Naledi Pandor
Linking research to policy: The international forestry agenda	Tiina Vahanen (FAO)
IUFRO Strategy: 2015-2019	Prof Mike Wingfield (IUFRO President)
Forestry in South Africa: The role of government	Dr Mmaphaka Tau (Acting DDG: Forestry, DAFF)
The Southern African Forestry Research and Development Landscape	Dr Ronald Heath (FSA) & Prof Colin Dyer (ICFR)
Research in support of a changing forest sector	Dr Andrew Morris (ICFR)
Forests of the Future - Role of classical tree breeding research	Dr Arnulf Kanzler (Sappi)
Forests of the Future - Role of molecular breeding and its application in plantation forestry	Prof Zander Myburg (U Pretoria) Dr Kitt Payn (Mondi)
Site specific application of tree growing practices in South Africa	Dr Keith Little (NMMU)
Biologically sustainable production from industrial wood plantations - the challenges	Dr Mary Scholes (Wits University)
Forests at Risk: Pest and Pathogen threats	Prof Jolanda Roux (FABI, U Pretoria)
Forests at Risk: A changing climate	Dr Bob Scholes (Wits University)
How can the forestry sector make best use of the water it is allocated?	Dr Mark Gush (CSIR)
Assessing the contribution of industrial plantations to carbon stocks	Dr Steven Dovey (ICFR) & Dr Oscar Mokotedi (DEA)
Sustainability, certification and licence to operate; the research needs	Dr David Everard (Sappi)
Industrial plantation species as invaders – a global review and options for management	Prof. Dave Richardson (U Stellenbosch)
Obtaining more value from forestry supply chains; research opportunities	Prof Reino Pulkki (Lakehead U, Canada)
Application of remote sensing to management of industrial wood plantations	Dr Moses Cho (CSIR)
Industrial wood plantations as an energy and chemical feedstock	TBC
Information and technology needs of smaller scale tree growers	Sally Upfold (ICFR) & Prof Paxie Chirwa (U Pretoria)
Role of forest research networks in Africa	Dr Joe Cobbinah (FORNESSA)
Forestry education and training to support a changing forest sector	Prof Jos Louw (NMMU)
Public-private partnerships for building a research foundation	Prof Colin Dyer (ICFR)

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