

CONNECT Entrepreneurship Action Summit

Venue: Cedara College Centenary Complex, PMB Hilton, South Africa

Date: Friday, 04 August 2017

Time: 12h00 - 15h30

Purpose: CONNECTing Youth With AgriBusiness Opportunities

Programme Director: Mr Nkanyiso Phungula - AgriGroomers Network Provincial Director (KZN)

PROGRAMME

12h00: Welcoming & Purpose of the day - Mr Siya Mazibuko (Cedara College & OSCA Principal)

12h15: AgriGroomers and the Ambassadors Network - Mr Nkosinathi Nkosi (Executive Director)

12h30: Elevator Pitch - Entrepreneurs/AgriGroomers Management Team

12h45: Discussion on Entrepreneurship as a solution to poverty and unemployment

13h30: Why You Should Become the Bank - Mr Thabo Mahlobo

13h50: The Opportunity For Communities In Aquaponics - Dr Frans Swanepoel

14h10: The Opportunity For Youth/Graduates in Modern AgriBusiness - Mr Joshua Ngoma

14h30: Questions & Dialogue with Speakers

15h30: Closure & Refreshments

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MEET OUR GUEST SPEAKERS



Mr Joshua Ngoma

JOSHUA is a Mining Engineer by profession, and a serial social entrepreneur, in general.



Joshua is the Founder and Chief Enabler of Enterprising Africa Regional Network (Pty) Limited (EARN), (www.earninternational.net), and its sister companies, African Greeneurs and African Technopreneurs that are aimed at developing, supporting and promoting African entrepreneurs. He was previously the founding Chief Executive Officer of Tranter Holdings (Pty) Ltd, a South African registered company with interests in mining as well as engineering manufacturing and supplying of mining equipment. Joshua is also one of the architects of Eyesizwe Mining (Pty) Ltd.

Joshua holds a Bachelor of Engineering degree with honours in mining engineering from Camborne School of Mines in the UK and a Master of Engineering in Project Management from Pretoria University in South Africa. He spent about 30 years of his career in the mining industry, of which half was spent in developing and running mining business ventures. He has experience in base metals, gold, diamond, PGMs and coal. He retired from mining in December 2012. He has now dedicated his time to nurturing African entrepreneurs from various sectors so that they are able to EARN for themselves instead of waiting for hand outs, as well as help create jobs.

ABOUT Enterprising Africa Regional Network (Pty) Limited (EARN) & African Greeneurs (AG)

Enterprising Africa Regional Network (Pty) Limited (“EARN”) is a one stop shop offering 360° business support services to all business start-ups and existing SMME's. These include business planning; business registration and compliance services such as tax, labour, CIPC and VAT returns, etc.; legal services; human resource management, including payroll; brand management and marketing; financial accounting, etc.

The AG agri-business seeks to build capacity and develop competitiveness aimed at achieving meaningful participation in the mainstream food supply value chain by the majority of the population in the country. The mission of AG is to own a successful farm business that hires within the communities nearest to the farm. The company's long term goal, while growing top quality farm produce, is to develop a hydroponics centre where other emerging farmers would be taught how to start and run similar successful undercover farming ventures. While assisting with social upliftment, additional successful farmers will guarantee food security for the region.



Mr Thabo Mahlobo



Thabo is a family man, husband to Nthabiseng and father to Noluthando, Neo and Nokuthula Mahlobo, a very well motivated, strategic and diplomatic male who works well independently, but better in a team. He carries a great understanding of the business and entrepreneurship environment with an amazing great insight towards the learning and development industry

Thabo is the Executive Chairperson of LCBN Africa, a network of professionals and business men and women with an ongoing objective to resource marketplace leaders, finance small businesses in South Africa and provide long term support to entrepreneurs in Africa.

He is the Founder of The New Economy Leadership Institute, a 7 month curriculum institute with an on-going objective to resource marketplace leaders to become effective and transformational leaders in the marketplace. He has worked for Nedbank Exchange Controls; First National Bank and Metal Industries Benefit Funds Administrators.

He is also the Co-Founder of Mahlobo Foundation, a private equity company with a fund raised and managed by investment professionals to perform a broad economic development function and engage in the business of extending long term support to small businesses, entrepreneurs and industrialists.

His passion is to reach, transform and bless Africa....He view Africa as a precious jewel in God's hands..

Specialties

- Leadership Development Specialist
- Relationship and Marriage Coach
- Strengths and Uniqueness Coach
- Career Coach
- Leadership Coach
- Business Mentoring
- Public Speaking on Leadership
- Community Builder and Leader
- Change Management Consultant
- Author and Blogger



Dr Frans Swanepoel



Dr Frans Swanepoel is the Founder and CEO of Grow Organic Plus and TCN4U.



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ABOUT Grow Organic Plus

Grow Organic Plus is a unique modular semi pre-assembled system. It's plastic panels, piping and metal framework can be shipped anywhere around the world to be easily and quickly assembled along with supplied instructions. It's perfect even for terrain not suitable for farming such as mountainous or arid landscapes.

Grow organic plus offers a full solution for communities to become self sustainable, go off the grid and most importantly offers access to healthy organic foods. **Our Micro Urban Organic Aquaponic Farm offers:** Organic vegetables (more than 5000 vegetable plants), Fish (average of 1500 that are a pan size every 50th days), Chicken (100 chickens every week), Eggs (average of 7 600 eggs per month), Accessibility to healthy organic food, Job & Business creation, Self sustainable & Environmentally friendly model, Up to 80% savings on water usage, Transferring of skills in a controlled environment to guarantee success and sustainable livelihood.

We build these farms on a small stands (500 square meters) depending on production volume requirements.

Apart from community upliftment, **Grow Organic Plus** offers a "**High Income Business**" solution for an individual who wants to establish him/herself in one of the fastest growing industries in the world namely "**Organic Foods**".

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When it all got started



AgriGroomers is a Non-Profit Company founded in 2014 by students of Cedara College of Agriculture and University of KwaZulu Natal (UKZN). The primary purpose for such initiative was and still is to create a strong sense of readiness for students to face the work place environment with deep insight and understanding of factors affecting the agricultural sector in South Africa and around the world. The idea generated from a concern regarding student's exposure and readiness for the market place, and hence we carry **a vision of creating a platform of opportunities for learning, networking and participating in various aspects of agricultural sector, where individuals gain motivation and global understanding of agriculture and its market.**

What we do

We appropriate a culture of scholastic and practical learning through our specially designed programmes to create agricultural awareness.

We work with the ethical approach of engaging youth in dialogues and debates around opportunities and challenges in the sector of agriculture. By working together with a clear vision we find opportunities, solutions and connections with relevant stakeholders. We also identify projects that can effectively bring change in our communities, and therefore see ourselves as change agents in our country and beyond.

The Mission is:

To close the gap between: students and the marketplace; research and implementation; agricultural services and communities.

To continuously develop, improve and implement strategies that provide participants with relevant tools and training to assist in creating opportunities for themselves and others.

Business Goals _our ten year plan Mission 2025

Create one hundred thousand (100 000) sustainable jobs

Equip ten thousand (10 000) individuals with soft/technical skills

Provide one thousand (1000) bursaries to students

Implement one hundred (100) projects

Have at least ten (10) well established branches in Africa

Own one (1) research farm 500ha+

...let us close the gap, together.

