

THEME : CLOSING THE 'PRODUCTIVITY GAP'

Africa's economic future depends on success in agriculture, which in turn depends on empowering farmers (especially smallholder farmers (with less than two hectares) - who constitute about 80% of all farms) - to increase productivity by adopting modern farming methods. However, success in agriculture which in turn ensures food security can be a daunting task. There are myriad factors and interrelated parts that, in combination, make food security a complex challenge.

This 2 day conference will kick start discussions addressing the needs of a dynamic food security program. Climate change, agri inputs, water scarcity, land rights, fairer agricultural policies, technological developments- all of these issues and more will be addressed as we seek ways to infinitely maximize the crop yields on existing resources in- face of ever-decreasing farm size due to land subdivision as Africa's population grows.

The Exhibition will run alongside the event and will show case latest technologies and other innovative products and solutions.

Transforming the sector from subsistence-based agriculture to commercial agriculture for smallholder farmers presents huge economic opportunities.