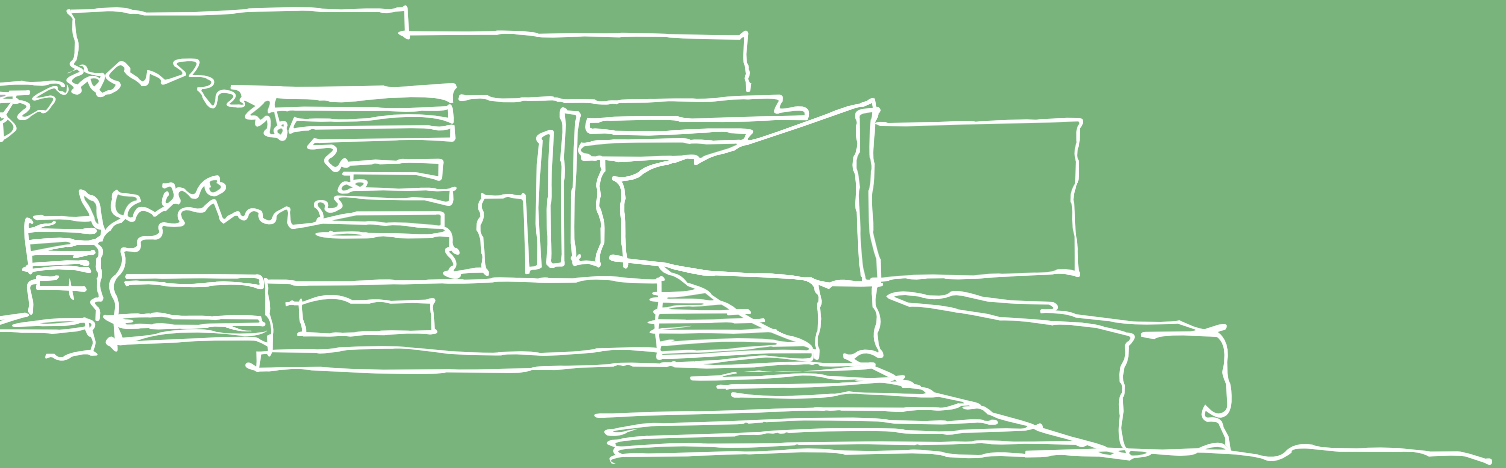


STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL
TRANSFORMATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA
23 – 24 FEBRUARY 2015

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STIAS – CONTEXT OF THE ROUNDTABLE PROGRAMME

The stated objectives of the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS) are to advance the cause of science and scholarship and invest in the intellectual future of the country; to focus on Africa; and to provide an independent space where innovative ideas and original thinking can thrive.

In addition, STIAS facilitates dissemination of research results and insights obtained in its research programme to a wider public. This includes creating platforms for dialogue amongst academia, policy makers, professionals and practitioners, business and industry and civil society structures.

Within this context, the Marianne and Marcus Wallenberg Foundation, key funders of the STIAS programme, supports an annual roundtable forum where representatives from South Africa, Sweden and a broader international community can engage in dialogue and debate around a central theme, typically one related to current global challenges, and in particular focusing on its local manifestation.

The first STIAS Roundtable (2013) focused on the energy and electricity landscape in South Africa, with the theme: “Investment and technology choices in the SA power sector: economic, social and environmental trade-offs”.

The 2014 STIAS Roundtable focused on “Mental health challenges in Sub-Saharan Africa: Moving to implementation.”

The third Roundtable, which takes place in February 2015, will focus on “Strategic directions for agricultural transformation in Southern Africa”.

THE 2015 ROUNDTABLE THEME

The theme for the 2015 Roundtable is ***Strategic directions for agricultural transformation in Southern Africa***. This initiative is linked to a broader research theme on the “Sustainable intensification of agriculture in Southern Africa” which STIAS will promote over the next three to five years with the support of the Wallenberg Foundation.

The focus and framework for the 2015 Roundtable was developed during a series of preparatory workshops and seminars in October and November 2014. Accordingly, the purpose of this Roundtable

will be to *elaborate the key sustainable agricultural intensification interventions which will constitute the foundations of agricultural transformation for the region.*

EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE ROUNDTABLE

The Roundtable discussions will be structured to provide participants (keynote speakers, panellists, discussants and key stakeholders) an opportunity to define and articulate:

1. Their vision of agricultural transformation in the region, occurring simultaneously with major structural transformations in urban migration, shifts in economic growth patterns, and new opportunities for livelihood generation, on- and off-farm;
2. The major reforms in policies, markets, science and technology applications, infrastructure, land-use patterns, production systems, intensification interventions, and the institutional

arrangements and private sector participation, that will enhance transformation;

3. The resource mobilisation pathways to be adopted to ensure the flow of resources for effective implementation of the transformation envisaged; and
4. A well designed road map of actions and milestones to ensure effective implementation of the transformation.

The Roundtable will be held at STIAS over two days from 23 to 24 February 2015.

ROUNDTABLE THEME: STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

VENUE: STIAS / WALLENBERG CONFERENCE CENTRE, 10 MARAIS STREET, STELLENBOSCH, SOUTH AFRICA

ROUNDTABLE PROGRAMME

SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2015		
18:00 – 20:00	Getting-to-know-everyone informal welcoming function at STIAS	
MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2015		
09:00 – 13:45 OPEN SESSIONS 1 & 2		
08:00 – 09:00	Registration desk open	STIAS staff
SESSION 1	AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION (1)	Chair: Richard Sikora
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome on behalf of STIAS	Hendrik Geyer
09:10 – 09:20	Address by Sweden’s ambassador to South Africa	Anders Hagelberg
09:20 – 09:30	Introduction to the “STIAS Forum on sustainable intensification of agriculture in Southern Africa”	Richard Sikora
09:30 – 10:15	Keynote address – Strategic directions for agricultural transformation in Southern Africa	Mohammad Karaan (Dean of AgriSciences Faculty and acting vice-rector, Stellenbosch University)
10:15 – 10:30	Discussion	
10:30 – 11:00	Break	
SESSION 2	AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION (2)	Chair: Eugene Terry
11:00 – 11:45	Keynote address – The role of science for sustainable intensification and transformation of agriculture	Anders Malmer (University of Agricultural Sciences, Ultuna, Sweden)
11:45 – 12:00	Discussion	
12:00 – 12:30	Open discussion of keynote statements	
12:30 – 12:45	Roundtable photo session	
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch	
13:45 – 17:30 ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPANTS		
13:45 – 14:15	Preface: The Roundtable, the setting and expectations	Eugene Terry
SESSION 3	PANEL 1 – FACTORS INFLUENCING SUCCESSFUL TRANSFORMATION OF AGRICULTURE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA (Each panel member to give opening statement in 10 minutes)	Chair: Janos Bogardi
14:15 – 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land and water • Livestock • Capacity building • Science and Technology • Production systems 	Mike Muller Kennedy Dzama Bongiwe Njobe Rachel Chickwamba Paul Mapfumo
15:30 – 15:45	Break	
15:45 – 17:15	General discussion of panellists’ statements	
17:15 – 17:30	Housekeeping	
19:00 – 22:00	Roundtable dinner	Venue: The Big Easy

ROUNDTABLE PROGRAMME continued

TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2015		
09:00 – 17:15	ROUNDTABLE PARTICIPANTS	
SESSION 4	PANEL 2 – TOWARDS SUCCESSFUL TRANSFORMATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN AGRICULTURE (Each panel member to give opening statement in 10 minutes)	Chair: Lucas Gakale
09:00 – 10:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perspectives from Farmers' organisations • Linking with markets • Landscape of current transformation initiatives • Impact of policy and finance • Post harvest transformation and food loss reduction 	Staffan Nilsson Johan van Rooyen Nick Vink Mandi Rukuni Linus Opara
10:15 – 10:45	Break	
10:45 – 12:30	General discussion of panellists' statements	
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
SESSION 5	PLENARY SESSION	Chair: Eugene Terry
13:30 – 15:30	The way forward – Open discussion of key submissions from Panellists and convergence with Roundtable's four expected outcomes (see program notes for details): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision of agricultural transformation in the region • Major reforms in policy, markets, infrastructure etc. • Resource mobilisation pathways to be adopted • A road map for effective implementation 	
15:30 – 16:00	Break	
SESSION 6	CLOSING SESSION	Chairs: Johann Groenewald & Richard Sikora
16:00 – 17:00	Summary of the Roundtable as reflected in the four goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emerging vision for Southern African agriculture • Major reforms required in policies, markets, infrastructure etc. • The resources required to implement transformation • A proposed road map of actions and intermediate milestones towards a transformed agriculture in Southern Africa 	Eugene Terry Lucas Gakale Janos Bogardi Richard Sikora
17:00 – 17:30	Setting the foundations for a formal position paper / policy statement and discussion of future directions of the "STIAS Forum on sustainable intensification of agriculture in Southern Africa" – the research program and avenues of collaboration	Richard Sikora
17:30 – 17:45	Wrap-up and closing	Maud Olofsson
18:00 – 20:30	Braai (South African traditional barbecue)	STIAS

POST-ROUNDTABLE MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2015		
09:00 – 14:00	BREAKAWAY ROOM	
09:00 – 10:30	Review of Roundtable (2015) on "Strategic directions for agricultural transformation in Southern Africa" <i>Maud Olofsson, Richard Sikora, Janos Bogardi, Lucas Gakale, Eugene Terry</i>	Facilitator: Johann Groenewald
10:30 – 11:00	Break	
11:00 – 13:00	Planning the next steps for the "STIAS Forum on Sustainable Intensification of Agriculture in Southern Africa"	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	

POST-ROUNDTABLE MEETINGS continued

WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2015		
11:00 – 15:30 STIAS BOARD ROOM		
11:00 – 13:00	Roundtable 2016: Innovation <i>Maud Olofsson, Hendrik Geyer, Johann Mouton, Saar Grobbelaar, Anita Nel, Leopoldt van Huyssteen, Arie Rip</i>	Facilitator: Johann Groenewald
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 15:00	Continued with audio-/video-link to Bjorn Nilsson, Margareta Norrel Bergendahl, Pontus Braunerhjelm, Magnus Henrekson in Stockholm / Sweden	
15:00 – 15:30	Closing	

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From left to right: Janos Bogardi, Lucas Gakale, Richard Sikora and Eugene Terry (Absent: Paul Vlek)

NOTES TO PRESENTERS AND PANELLISTS

The Roundtable brings together at STIAS research specialists, some of whom would have participated in the October-November 2014 preparatory workshops and seminars, with key decision-makers from government, business and civil society. The purpose of the Roundtable is to create a forum for open and frank discussion.

Presenters

The Roundtable is structured to create a forum for exchange of ideas among researchers on the one hand and practitioners or potential beneficiaries on the other.

No parallel sessions or breakaway groups are planned, i.e. all sessions are plenary and therefore the numbers will also be kept within a reasonable limit (in general not more than about thirty-five to forty participants).

Panellists

Panels are used to stimulate discussion and debate. Panels are composed of five or more persons to facilitate a wide range of perspectives on the general topic under discussion. Panellists were

chosen on the basis of their expertise on particular topics and because of their views on the general theme under discussion.

Panellists should strictly observe the time limits for panel member contributions; should use their allotted time to present only a broad outline of their viewpoints or arguments (details can always be added later if it is warranted in further discussion, or if the audience is interested); and should help to encourage discussion and debate by testing the limits of existing knowledge, by clearly contrasting the strategic trade-offs and choices to be made in transformation, and by advancing bold proposals if they have cogent arguments and credible evidence to support it.

General

Because of the presence of non-technical persons in the audience, presenters and panellists are encouraged to use technical jargon sparingly.

The venue and equipment will support Microsoft Office products including powerpoint. Speakers who wish to use powerpoint are – in the interest of time – requested to please upload their presentation slides in the interval before the actual start of the session.

NOTES TO SESSION CHAIRS

Apart from interesting and stimulating presentations, the success of the Roundtable depends in equal measure on the proper facilitation by the session chairs, who are inter alia responsible for:

- Introduction of the presenters and panellists to the audience. The information included in the programme will generally be quite limited. It is therefore incumbent on the session chair to collect the necessary information either from the speakers themselves, or from other sources, in pre-arranged meetings or communication.
- Introduction of the topics and the session theme, but only if it is deemed necessary or appropriate. Such introductions should, in the interests of time, be kept very brief and to the point.
- The overall time management in the session which they are chairing. This may include
 - Alerting speakers/presenters about the time left to finish their talk or presentation.
 - Arranging with speakers to present in such a way that questions, clarification or discussion can be facilitated.
 - Closing the session at the appropriate time.
- Facilitating an orderly meeting where different opinions can be expressed and debated in a respectful manner. This may include requesting members of the audience who wish to be heard
 - To introduce themselves (which may be unnecessary in smaller groups or which may become unnecessary in the later stages of the meeting when participants have become familiar with each other).
 - To wait their turn before speaking.
 - To limit their contribution so as to allow others an opportunity to respond or participate.
- Introducing topics or questions related to the theme of the Roundtable for discussion (especially when none is forthcoming from the audience).
- Thanking presenters for their contributions.

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