

Youth empowerment through agriculture: AgriSETA Agri-Edu Symposium opens doors for careers in agriculture

Are you passionate about the future of farming, sustainability, and innovation? The agricultural sector offers exciting opportunities, and the AgriSETA Agri-Edu Symposium is the perfect platform for youth like you to explore how you can play a crucial role in shaping South Africa's agricultural future.

On Tuesday, 10 December 2024, AgriSETA, in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture, will host the *Agri-Edu Symposium* at Unisa, Main Campus, Pretoria. This year's theme, "*Transforming Agricultural Education for a Sustainable Future*," will focus on how modern education and skills development can create job opportunities for young people and equip them with the tools they need to thrive in a rapidly evolving industry.

The agricultural sector is in need of young, dynamic, and innovative minds. The symposium will address a major issue: the growing skills gap in agriculture. While many students graduate with agricultural qualifications, they often lack the practical skills and knowledge needed to succeed in the modern workforce. This event is aimed at bridging that gap and showing you how you can be part of the solution.

Why Should You Attend?

- **Discover career pathways:** From farming to agribusiness, from food technology to climate-smart agriculture – there are countless career opportunities in agriculture waiting for young people to take the lead.
- **Learn from industry experts:** Hear from top leaders in agriculture, education, and government about the future of farming in South Africa, and how you can be part of it. Learn about new technologies, sustainable farming practices, and the skills required to meet the demands of the modern agricultural industry.
- **Understand the role of education:** The symposium will highlight the need to update agricultural education to match the changing demands of the sector.

You'll learn about how curriculum reforms can give you the practical skills and qualifications you need to succeed.

- **Get inspired to innovate:** If you're interested in technology, entrepreneurship, or green solutions, the agricultural sector is a hotbed for innovation. The symposium will explore how youth-driven innovation can help address challenges like climate change, water scarcity, and food security.
- **Explore job creation:** Agriculture is a key sector for job creation, especially for young people. The event will show how partnerships between government, industry, and educational institutions are creating new opportunities for young talent in agriculture.

What will be discussed?

- **Agricultural education reform:** How can we improve our agricultural curriculum to meet today's technological and environmental challenges?
- **Bridging the skills gap:** Learn about the difference between academic qualifications and the skills needed in the workplace, and how you can gain the practical experience employers are looking for.
- **Sustainability in agriculture:** How can we make farming more sustainable? Discover how you can get involved in climate-smart agriculture that will help feed South Africa and the world.
- **Innovation & collaboration:** The importance of working together with businesses, the government, and educational institutions to create a stronger agricultural sector for the future.

Don't miss out on the opportunity of a lifetime!

Join the conversation and help shape the future of South African agriculture. The event is free and open to all youth interested in learning about career opportunities in agriculture. This is your chance to meet key players in the industry, learn about the latest trends, and get inspired to launch your own career in agriculture. **Event details:**

- **Date:** Tuesday, 10 December 2024
- **Time:** 9:00 AM
- **Venue:** Unisa, main campus, Pretoria