

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (14/13)

Justin Chadwick (5 April 2013)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK "I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me" Noel Coward

FRUIT SOUTH AFRICA (FSA) / SIZA INFORMATION WORKSHOPS

Successful farmers invest in their staff!!! The most valuable resource on any farm is the people who work on that farm. Machines, systems or decisions don't make things happen – people do. South Africa has some of the most progressive labour laws in the world, and growers strive to ensure that labour is treated fairly and with dignity. To assist growers in these endeavors, and to ensure that all the good work is adequately recorded and reported to national and international stakeholders, Fruit South Africa (jointly owned by CGA, HORTGRO, FPEF, SATI and SUBTROP) launched the SIZA platform some years ago.

FSA/ SIZA invite you to attend a 2-hour information session on the SIZA programme at a venue closest to you. There is no cost for attendance. The workshops will cover the following:

- Overview of the SIZA programme
- SIZA Membership and benefits
- SIZA Registration process
- SIZA / Sedex arrangement
- SIZA Capacity-building programme and support for growers
- Your queries

Dates, times and venues are as follows:

Date	Place, Province	Venue	Time
16 th April	Paarl, Western Cape	Windmeul Wynkelder (021-869 8043)	10 – 12 noon
22 nd April	Tzaneen, Limpopo	Westphalia Training Centre (015-309 0000)	14.30 – 16.30
23 rd April	Hoedspruit, Limpopo	Swadini Resort (015-795 5141)	10 – 12 noon
24 th April	Nelspruit, Mpumalanga	Halls Training Centre (013-753 5700)	10 – 12 noon
25 th April	Kirkwood, Eastern Cape	Kirkwood Ondersteuners Klub (072 2645468)	10 – 12 noon
2 nd May	Ceres, Western Cape	Ceres Fruit Growers Lesings Saal (023 3169419)	10 – 12 noon
15 th May	Kakamas, Northern Cape	Lake Grappa, Kakamas (082 978 3949)	14.30 – 16.30

Confirm attendance as soon as possible by emailing Colleen Chennells at chennell@iafrica.com

CITRUS IMPROVEMENT SCHEME (CIS)

Potential changes to the CIS are being considered and it is important to have all stakeholders' views given the significance of the CIS for the future sustainability of the southern African citrus industry.

Three options are being considered for how the CIS should be managed in future: Option 1 - Compulsory statutory scheme, Option 2 - Voluntary statutory scheme, and Option 3 - Voluntary public scheme (not statutory). Details on the advantages and disadvantages of each option are summarized in a discussion paper available from CGA. You are requested to provide feedback by 12 April 2013 as these inputs will then be work-shopped later in April 2013. Questions and comments can be directed to Paul Hardman (ph@cga.co.za) or the CGA representative on the CIS, Fanie Meyer (meyerf@mweb.co.za).

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