

FIELD DAY – 28th November 2024

PROGRAMME:

Registration		<i>Delegate registration to attend the day</i>		8h00 - 8h30
Exhibition and refreshments	<i>Sponsors and suppliers are given an opportunity to exhibit products.</i>	Sponsors		8h30 – 9h00
Welcome message	<i>SA Olive technical committee welcome all delegates, presenters and sponsors.</i>	Gert van Dyck SAO Technical Forum Chairperson Wendy Petersen SAO CEO		9h00 – 9h10
Welcome to Eight Feet and Kloovenburg Farm	<i>Pieter du Toit will welcome guests to the farm and share bit of insights into their development and achievements over decades.</i>	Pieter du Toit Kloovenburg owner		9h10 – 9h20
Pellenc South Africa introduction	<i>Pellenc will share the latest developments and news from Europe.</i>	Phillipe Böhn MD Pellenc SA Allen Brink Pellenc SA		9h20 – 9h40
Soil Conditioning and Care	<i>Focus on soil health and conditioning practices that support sustainable olive cultivation. Best practices for soil testing, nutrient management, and improving soil structure.</i>	Nico Uys Plant Science Consultant		9h40 – 10h00
Expansion and New Plantings Process	<i>Discussion on strategies for expanding olive orchards, including land preparation, selection of cultivars, and planting techniques. Emphasis on preparing the land for successful establishment of new olive trees. Review of proper planting techniques, including spacing, depth, and soil preparation to ensure optimal growth and establishment of young olive trees.</i>	Nicolaas Roodt Russel Stone		10h00 – 10h20
Irrigation Process	<i>A look at irrigation practices specific to olive cultivation, with a focus on efficient water use, scheduling, and the role of irrigation in overall tree health and yield.</i>	Christo van der Westhuizen Netafim		10h20 – 10h40
Integrated Pest Management (IPM) – Best Practices	<i>Focus on IPM for olives, including pest monitoring, biological control methods, and minimizing pesticide use. Emphasis on managing common pest.</i>	Nerine Koch Agricultural Scientist		10h40 -11h00
Pruning and Alternate Bearing	<i>Practical guidance on pruning techniques that enhance tree structure, improve air circulation, and increase fruit yield. Discussion of alternate bearing in olive trees and strategies for managing crop cycles.</i>	John Scrimgeour Industry consultant		11h00 – 11h20
Setting things in “motion”	<i>Agri Motion and Leeu Gamka development and learnings</i>	Cornel Broeksma AgriMotion		11h20 -11h40
Questions and Answers	<i>Delegates will have an opportunity to address questions to presenters.</i>	Open session		11h40 – 12h00
Light lunch				12h30 – 14h00
Demonstrations	<i>Hands-on technical demonstrations throughout the day showcasing the latest equipment, technologies, and practices in olive farming.</i>	Pellenc & John Scrimgeour		14h00 – 15h00