

<b>Round Table Dialogue</b>	<b>Provision of Effective Food Safety Certification Services to Agribusiness SMMEs</b>		
<b>Date</b>	Thursday, 4 March 2021	<b>Time:</b>	10h00 – 13h00
<b>Venue</b>	Zoom Webinar		
<b>ZOOM DETAILS</b>	<a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85020557104?pwd=NlBheVg1MGFPdG1qN1EzU1BONzFZdz09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85020557104?pwd=NlBheVg1MGFPdG1qN1EzU1BONzFZdz09</a>  <b>Webinar ID:</b> 850 2055 7104 <b>Passcode:</b> 804125		

## Dialogue Objective

The route to certification for SMMEs is complex and challenging, particularly for smaller agri-food businesses. Not all that start the journey are able to achieve certification if they are even able to start. Several organisations, including government departments and their agencies, are providing various support services towards assisting SMMEs to achieve certification and thereby comply with market requirements. Despite the various programmes and interventions implemented by government to assist SMMEs to be certified, access to these services and the effectiveness thereof is still far from satisfactory. One of the challenges that has been identified, is the lack of cooperation and collaboration amongst the key role-players, despite having a common goal being the development of agribusiness SMMEs and their participation in the mainstream economy. This dialogue seeks to develop a collaborative and coordinated approach amongst key stakeholders for the effective and efficient provision of support to agribusiness SMMEs towards certification.

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	10:00am	Hosting of zoom call	<b>Daniel Chiwandamira, EDSE</b> Facilitator
1.	10:00 – 10:15 (15')	<b>Opening:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome, opening remarks and objectives of the dialogue</li> </ul>	<b>Dr Boitshoko Ntshabele,</b> DALRRD, Agricultural Production, Health & Food Safety
2.	10:15 – 10:35 (20')	Seda's role in facilitating Food Safety certification services to Agribusiness SMMEs	<b>Tervern Jaftha,</b> Seda, Head Technology Business Incubation
3.	10:35 – 10:55 (20')	DALRRD's Perspective on the provision of Food Safety certification services to Agribusiness SMMEs	<b>Koketso Shakwane,</b> DALRRD, Economics Development, Trade & Marketing
4.	10:55 – 11: 10 (15')	<b>Questions and Answers</b>	<b>Daniel Chiwandamira, EDSE</b>

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5.	11:10 – 11:30 (20')	Food Safety Certification for SMMEs – Essential or Nice to Have?	<b>Nigel Jacobs</b> , Jacobs Jam
6.	11:30 – 11:50 (20')	Perspective and experience on provision of services to agribusiness SMMEs on food safety certification	<b>Reneilwe Maenetja</b> , Profresh Training and Consulting
7.	11:50 – 12:05	<b>Questions and Answers</b>	<b>Daniel Chiwandamira</b> , EDSE
8.	12:05 – 12:35 (30')	<b>Panel Discussion</b> – Role of government (national and other tiers), service providers and SMMEs – how can all involved & affected role players collaborate to ensure effective and impactful Certification for Agribusiness SMMEs in South Africa.	Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Salamina Maelane (DALRRD)</li> <li>• Seda-TBC</li> <li>• Ms Reneilwe Maenetja</li> <li>• Mr Nigel Jacobs</li> </ul>
9.	12:35 – 12:50 (15')	<b>Concluding Session: Way forward and closure</b>	<b>Dr Mahlogedi Thindisa</b> , DALRRD