



PROGRAMME FMG-EPPI ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

FUTURE AFRICA CONFERENCE CENTRE

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Meeting ID: 992 9988 7488, Passcode: Forestry

11:00 - 11:30			Registration, tea and coffee
11:30 - 11:35	Prof. Bernard Slippers	Welcome	
Session 1 (Chair: Prof. Sanushka Naidoo)			
11:35 - 12:10	Prof. Jim Leebens-Mack (University of Georgia)	The Open Green Genome Initiative: Comparative Investigations of Plant Gene and Genome Evolution	
12:10 - 12:25	Dr Anneri Lötter	Tree Genomics at the Heart of Innovation	
12:25 - 12:40	Prof. Schalk Grobbelaar (UP - York Timbers Chair)	The York Timbers Chair in Wood Structural Engineering	
12:40 - 12:55	Mrs Shae Cooper	Common Gardens: A Resource for Understanding Defence	
13:00 - 14:00			Lunch
Session 2 (Chair: Prof. Sanushka Naidoo)			
14:00 - 14:20	Dr Mary Ranketse	From Genomics to Tree Breeding	
14:20 - 14:35	Ms Nadine Kleinhans	Trees as a System	
14:35 - 14:50	Dr Avhashoni Zwane	From Greenhouse to Field – The Battle Beneath the Bark	
14:50 - 15:05	Mr Tebogo Molemela	DNA Markers for Insect Resistance	
Session 3 (Chair: Dr Noma Majola)			
15:05 - 15:25	Mr Bertus Van Rooy	Pine-ing for Resilience	
15:25 - 16:00			Group photo (venue to be announced) and Tea
Session 4 (Chair: Dr Noma Majola)			
16:00 - 16:15	Mrs Bianca Prozesky	Getting to the Root of Gene Function	
16:15 - 16:30	Mr Luke Kim	Gene X Marks the Spot	
Session 5 (Chair: Prof. Sanushka Naidoo)			
16:30 - 16:45	Dr Demissew Teshome	Thriving in a Drying Climate: Selecting Drought-resistant <i>Eucalyptus</i>	
16:45 - 17:00	Dr Myriam Solís	Heatwaves Modulate Disease Dynamics	