



## THE 56TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

### FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS

The 2018 Annual Conference of the Agricultural Economics Association of South Africa (AEASA) will be hosted at the Lord Charles Hotel, Somerset-West, Western Cape from 25 -27 September 2018. The Conference programme contains a mix of invited panel sessions (parallel sessions), plenary sessions and contributed oral and visual presentations. The theme of this year's Conference is "**Practising agricultural economics in an uncertain neighbourhood**".

The purpose of this First Call is to invite members of AEASA to consider attending the conference and present their work. This is an early warning to members to start preparing papers or sessions for presentation at the conference. Comprehensive paper and proposal submission guidelines will be available in due course. **Note that members will be required to submit papers and proposals online and that the website for submissions will open in April 2018.**

### Contributed papers (oral and visual):

There will be a single submission and reviewing system for all Contributed Papers, whether for Oral or Visual presentation. We are planning to accommodate visual presentations in an electronic format rather than the traditional poster sessions. This will make it easier to present, it will allow more presentations, and it will obviate the need to carry a poster to the Conference!

Contributed papers will be selected for oral and visual presentation at the Conference based on the results of a blind review process. Authors that submit papers will be requested to act as reviewers for other submitted papers. The Paper Review Committee will decide whether a paper goes into the oral or the visual stream.

The Contributed Paper sessions require submission of a full paper and all papers must be submitted by **15 June 2018**.

### Invited panels:

Proposals for Invited Panels will be considered at the same time as Contributed Papers. Space on the program for these sessions is limited, and the organizers expect to invite no more than 10 of these sessions. All proposals must be submitted by **6 July 2018** through the conference submission website.

Organizers of such sessions will need to submit details on participants and a brief description of the proposed session. Proposals may include presentations that explore different, complementary aspects of a particular topic. Proposals that involve discussants with different points of view will be of particular interest, as are proposals that involve serious analysis of new, exciting and important topics.

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