



SUBTROP TRANSFORMATION SUMMIT 2026

21 May 2026 | Letaba Junction | Letsitele

Preliminary Programme

08:00-08h50	Registration
09:00-09:30	Opening Session ▪ Welcome Address (Subtrop CEO) - Derek Donkin ▪ Opening Remarks (Summit Objectives & Outcomes) - Stephen Mantsho
09:30-10:00	Keynote Address State of Transformation in the Subtropical Fruit Industry- Tshililo Ramabulana
10:00-10:30	Tea break
10h35-11h50	Financing the Future of Emerging Farmers (Chair: Maremo Mphahlele) ▪ Land bank - Tanya Machethe ▪ Nedbank - Desry Lesele ▪ Standard Bank - Solomon Motale ▪ FNB – Zanele Mabelane
11h50-12h55	Local Market Development and Export Readiness (Chair: Shannon Mokoena) ▪ Fresh produce markets - Pierre van Vuuren ▪ Agro-processing opportunities – Hulisani Mabugana ▪ Global G.A.P pathways – Rob Morris ▪ Food safety systems - Roshon Omar ▪ Certification bodies - Lezette Greyling
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:05-15:00	Improving Productivity & Quality for Market Access ▪ Orchard management best practices ▪ Climate ▪ Protecting Subtropical crops from pests and diseases - Tertia Grové
15:00-16:00	Farmer Case Studies & Success Stories
16:00	Closing

Beyond Production: Advancing Transformation Through Market Access, Finance and Innovation