

NAFTC-Africa safeguards food security

Almkerk 20 January 2017 – NAFTC Africa was launched in 2013 to safeguard food security with Dutch produce and technology in all of Africa. NAFTC is a worldwide initiative with localised semi-official status in the 'golden triangle' (business, R&D institutions & government). NAFTC-Africa follows a strong cooperation agreement with SANEC whereby there is a special focus on the SADC (Southern African) countries. NAFTC-Africa aims to **facilitate business-led generation and business development for Dutch organisations and enterprises in the agro-food value chains.**

NAFTC offices are private initiatives, driven to facilitate Dutch agribusiness in the agro & food supply chains in getting market access, generating leads, business development and doing business in the countries of establishment. In the name of associated companies, the offices apply for support at RVO (Netherlands Enterprise Agency) or other authorities and organisations to financially co-cover costs of activities organized for these companies.

The strength of local NAFTC offices is based on a joint commitment and Holland branding, as well as on offering an integrated chain approach in close co-operation with other Dutch initiatives and the Agriculture Department of the Embassies involved.



NAFTC-Africa MOU signing with Minister Martijn van Dam, Minister of Foreign Trade & Agriculture, during Premier Rutte Economic Mission to South Africa, November 2015.
From left to right: Mixo Mayimele SANEC office Johannesburg, Mark Agterdenbosch SANEC office The Hague, Jan Hak, President NAFTC-Africa, Harm Maters, Chairman at AVAG, trade association glasshouse industry & technology



Minister Martijn van Dam (also) receiving the MFS publication "Feeding tomorrow's cities"
(<http://metropolitanfoodsecurity.nl/nl/news/publications>)

Offices

NAFTC-AFRICA operates several offices located in Southern Africa (2 offices), Eastern Africa (2 offices), Western Africa (2 offices) and Northern Africa (1 office). Each local office operates under the brand name Netherlands Agro, Food & Technology Centre (NAFTC) and is governed by NAFTC-Africa foundation in the Netherlands. Besides the NAFTC-Africa and NAFTC- Middle East offices, similar offices will be launched in cooperation with Dutch members in the near future in Central Asia as well as in Northern, Middle & Southern America.

The offices cover several sectors of the agro & food supply chain, offering an integrated approach for doing and developing business in their designated territory. Within NAFTC-Africa, on demand of members several sector centres are or will be established to facilitate specific clusters of companies and organize activities in the specific regions.

Membership

Interested Dutch companies and knowledge institutes can become 'member' of the NAFTC-Africa Association, and use the offices' services. The offices support and promote businesses both individually

and collectively. Membership is open to all Dutch or Netherlands-based/affiliated companies and institutions in the total agro, food and technology-supply chain.

Actively involved in agriculture food processing and/or related technology and interested in opportunities in Africa? Please contact our office for more information on joining NAFTC-Africa. More information can be found on our website www.naftc-africa.com.

Sectors

NAFTC Africa covers several sectors of the agro & food supply chain, offering an integrated approach for doing and developing business. There will be a special focus on the following sectors:

- Fresh Horticulture Produce Chain
- Red Meat Chain
- Poultry Chain
- Dairy Chain (Orange Dairy)
- Precision Agriculture Centre
- Potato-Field Produce Chain (Orange Potato)
- Fruit Chain
- Beverages and Wine
- Food Processing and Technology
- Storage and Agrologistics
- Agro-Food Park & land development
- Education and R&D
- Finance and administration
- Others (bio based, bakery, etc.)



Launch of NAFTC Southern Africa with Minister Alan Winde, Ministry of Finance, Economic Development and Tourism of the Western Cape (in the middle)

From left to right:

Mark Agterdenbosch, SANEC General Manager office The Hague and co-initiator of NATFC Southern Africa, Jan Hak, President & co-founder NATFC Africa, Minister Alan Winde, Dutch Consul General David de Waal in Cape Town (in 2013) and Feico Mulder, SANEC Area Manager Western Cape and Director NAFTC Southern Africa

