



World Food Day dialogue : “Our actions are our future- Better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life”.

Date:15 October 2021

Time:09:00 14:30

World Food Day is observed every year on 16 October in remembrance of the day when the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations was founded in 1945. The primary focus is to tackle global hunger and strive to eradicate hunger across the world. In 2021, the World Food Day will fall on a Saturday. The day is celebrated by all UN member states, which includes South Africa. The World Food Day is linked to several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). With the theme **"Our actions are our future- Better production, better nutrition, a better environment and a better life"**. World Food Day 2021 will be again celebrated across the globe. According to the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), the food we choose and the way we consume it affect our health and that of our planet. It has an impact on the way agri-food systems work. Based on these facts, the UN Secretary-General is convening the very first Food Systems Summit in September 2021 to launch bold new actions to transform the way the world produces and consumes food, with an aim to get back on track to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It is fact, we all need to be part of the change. Collective action across 150 countries is what makes World Food Day one of the most celebrated days of the UN calendar. Hundreds of events and outreach activities bring together governments, businesses, NGOs, the media, and general public. They promote worldwide awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger and for the need to ensure healthy diets for all. #WorldFoodDay 2021 will be marked a second time while countries around the world deal with the widespread effects of the global Covid-19 pandemic. It's a time to look into the future we need to build together.

Based on the challenges highlighted in several research reports generated by the Water Research Commission (WRC) together with its partners which is University of KwaZulu – Natal (UKZN), University of Venda (Univen), Council for Science and Industrial Research (CSIR), Agricultural Research Council (ARC) and Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) have decided to host a dialogue as part of the World Food Day celebrations on the 15th October 2021, this it will be a virtual dialogue. We would like to invite you to attend this dialogue as part of World Food Day celebration on the 15 October 2021. Your attendance and contributions to the discussions on this day will add much value to the research and development initiatives that are undertaken as part of our research and development initiatives.

The aim of the dialogue is: (a) To exchange and share ideas with stakeholders as part of World Food Day event, (b) Share, disseminate research findings and also highlight some of the work done by the WRC based on several research projects completed by the WRC on food security, nutrition and health”.

Facilitator : Prof Sylvester Mpandeli

Time	Activity	Person responsible
08:30 – 09:00	Dr Samkelisiwe Nhlophe-Ginindza	Registration
09:00 – 09:30	Welcome of participants	Facilitator: Prof Sylvester Mpandeli
09:30 – 09:45	Opening remarks	Prof Stanley Liphadzi
09:45 – 10:15	Understanding of pomegranate orchard water use in selected production areas	Dr Theresa Volschenk
10:15 – 10:45	Water use of Avocado orchards	Dr Nicky Taylor
10:45 – 11:00	Tea Break	Tea Break
11:00 – 11:30	Water use of indigenous fruit tree crops	Ms Zanele Ntshidi
12:00 – 12:30	Water use of indigenous root and tuber food crops	Mr Richard Kuntz
12:30 – 13:00	Water use and benefits of marula tree crops	Dr Shonisani Ramashia
13:00 – 13:30	General discussion	All participants
13:30 – 13:40	Closure	Dr Luxon Nhamo
13:40 – 14:30	Lunch	Lunch

Who should attend?

All stakeholders in the Agriculture, Water, Health, Community development sectors, members of community of practice, agricultural scientists, food security & nutritional experts, government departments including policy makers and policy analysts, academics, non-governmental organisations representatives and business should attend.