



AQUAPONIC-ThinkFest Workshop - Friday, 13 September

The term “aquaponics” may be used for a system that in a more intensive way combines aquaculture with hydroponics. The idea behind the system is that the plants utilize the waste from an aquaculture system as nutrients for plant production, and the clean water is then returned to the fish. The plants ensure no accumulation of toxic substances in the aquaculture system.

This ThinkFest will be a wonderful opportunity to assess what is happening on local Aquaponics farms in terms of research and development. Come and listen to the real experiences of established Aquaponics farmers. What are the opportunities or obstacles in the sector? The afternoon session will be a panel discussion to assess how best to find solutions to the problems faced by the collective.

To register to attend: Visit the website <https://www.aasa-aqua.co.za/conferences/>

The workshop is open to conference delegates and to those who only wish to attend the workshop.

Cost: R450 per person – incl. tea/coffee session, lunch voucher and presentations will be made available after the workshop to all Aquaponic workshop participants.

Time: 08:00 – 17:00

Venue: Genetics Department, Seminar Room 205, JC Smuts Building, Block A, Second Floor, Merriman Avenue, Stellenbosch

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME



TIME	PRESENTER	SESSION
8:00 - 8:10	Neale Strauch, Aquaponics Association of South Africa	Welcome by Association Chair
8:10 - 8:45	Leslie Ter Morshuizen, Aquaculture Innovations, Grahamstown	Unpacking mineralisation
8:45 - 9:30	Henk Stander, Aquaculture Division, University of Stellenbosch	SU R&D
9:30 - 10:15	Neale Strauch, City Aquaponics, Pretoria	Marketing aquaponics products in SA
10:15 - 10:45	Tea/Coffee Break	
10:45 - 11:30	Rikalize Reinecke, La pieus Aqua, Pretoria	On farm hurdles and successes
11:30 - 12:15	Cobus Pienaar, Full Circle Integrated Agriculture, Grabouw	The good, the bad & the ugly
12:15 - 13:00	Lance Quiding, Integrated Aquaculture, Hekpoort, Gauteng	What we need to do to make aquaculture a success
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 - 16:00	Panel with audience participation	Steps to make aquaponics work in SA
16:00 - 17:00	Tea and individual discussions	