

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (01/23)

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“Better to fight for something than live for nothing” George S Patton

WHAT HAS 2023 IN STORE FOR US?

Although the calendar moves just one day forward – the step from 31 December to 1 January brings with it a lot of contemplation for the future, resolutions to improve and plans for 2023. As a citrus industry we are in a way fortunate that the harvesting and marketing season allows for a few months of retrospection before the summer break, and a few months of planning before the new season starts. I am sure growers will tell me that the work never stops!!

Looking back at previous new year newsletters you will see that my predictions were mostly incorrect – and so predicting the future will not be attempted this time.

The CGA has been tasked with formulating a plan to the CGA Boards Vision 260 – a plan that will enable southern African citrus growers to produce, pack, distribute and market 260 million cartons of citrus fruit by 2032. The long term model predicts that orchards presently in production will have 260 million cartons of marketable fruit by 2032.

In the first few months of 2023 the CGA will be meeting with stakeholders throughout the value chain to present the predictions of the long term model, to explain the nine projects that will drive capacity development, skills development and action plans to enable vision 260. All stakeholders have a role to play – planning is essential. Stakeholders in the industry are encouraged to contact justchad@iafrica.com should you be interested in hearing more. We will also be unpacking the vision at the CGA Citrus Summit scheduled for 14-16 March 2023 in PE. If you would like to register please follow this link <https://uppe.flockplatform.com/ep/?event=4th-CGA-Citrus-Summit>

CRI POSTHARVEST WORKSHOPS

Workshops are now open for registration click on this link to register:

<https://events.citrusres.com/product/cris-na-oes-werkswinkels-cris-postharvest-workshops-2023/>

The dates and venues for this year’s workshops are:

Limpopo 1 (Letsitele) - 24 & 25 January 2023

Limpopo 2 (Groblersdal) - 26 & 27 January 2023

Mpumalanga (Nelspruit) - 30 & 31 January 2023

KZN/Swaziland (Umhlanga) - 2 & 3 February 2023

Eastern Cape (Jeffreys bay) - 14 & 15 February 2023

Western Cape (Paarl) - 16 & 17 February 2023

