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"Met Mandela-dag, wat ons binnekort op 18 Julie vier, word ons weereens herinner aan die fenomenale leierskap wat hy getoon het en die mate waartoe dit oor die wêreld heen erken word," sê Johannes Möller president van Agri SA. "Gegewe die huidige situasie van wydverspreide armoede en werkloosheid in ons land, onthou ons ook dat Mandela gestaan het vir “die reg op lewe”. Hierdie is ‘n basiese mensereg wat dwarsoor die wêreld eerbiedig word.

"Waar ons weer Mandela-dag vier, moet ons nie tob oor die vele strukturele probleme wat ons land in die gesig staar nie maar eerder deur middel van self-ondersoek en slegs vir 67 minute, ‘n tasbare bydrae lewer tot verligting van die lot van minder bevoorregtes en barmhartigheid toon teenoor ons medeburgers, sê Möller.

Volgens Möller het Agri SA, tesame met soortgelyke organisasies, ‘n *Jobs Pledge* onderskryf wat gemik is op werkskepping binne ons sektor asook ‘n verbetering in die gehalte van bestaande werkseleenthede. "Ek is dankbaar teenoor maatskappye soos Investment Solutions wat die inisiatief in hierdie verband geneem het."

Möller sê dat Agri SA reeds vir ‘n tyd lank betrokke is by verwante aangeleenthede soos ‘n maatskaplike ooreenkoms (social compact) met ander belanghebbendes, en verwys ook na spesifieke opheffingsprojekte wat Agri SA, sy affiliasies en individuele boere onderneem.

"Ek doen ‘n beroep op boere om veral in die komende week ‘n positiewe bydrae te lewer in hierdie verband, nie net om die baie negatiewe reaksies met betrekking tot die arbeidsbedeling in die landbousektor teen te werk nie, maar eenvoudig omdat dit die regte ding is om te doen."

"In Agri SA eer ons die nalatenskap van Nelson Mandela; ons leer daaruit en implementeer dit waar ons kan", sê Möller ter afsluiting.

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"Approaching Mandela day on 18 July one is again reminded of the phenomenal leadership he displayed and the extent to which this was recognized throughout the world" says Johannes Möller president of Agri SA. "Given the prevailing situation of widespread poverty and unemployment in our country we are also reminded that Mandela stood for "the right to live". This right encompasses basic human rights that are lauded throughout the world.

"Approaching the commemoration of Mandela day, we should not dwell on the many structural and governance problems our country are facing, rather we should by way of introspection and, even if for only 67 minutes, make a tangible contribution to alleviate the plight of the less privileged and to demonstrate compassion towards our fellow citizens" Möller said

According to Möller, Agri SA has also along with similar organisations endorsed a Jobs Pledge mainly aimed at employment creation in our sector and also to enhance the quality of existing jobs. "I'm grateful to companies like Investment Solutions having taken the initiative in this regard" he said

Möller said that his organisation has been involved in related matters like a social compact with other stakeholders for quite some time whilst he made mention of specific upliftment projects in the organisation, its affiliates, and individual farmers are involved in.

" I call on all farmers to, in especially the coming week, make a positive contribution in this regard, not only to allay the many negative reflections in relation to the labour dispensation in the agricultural sector but simply because it is the right thing to do"

"In Agri SA we honour the legacy of Nelson Mandela, we learn from it and implement it wherever we can" Möller concluded.

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