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Met die restituisieproses wat heropen is en nuwe eise wat instroom, het Agri SA 'n beroep gedoen op die Restituisie-kommissie en die regering om die herstel van grondregte op sodanige wyse aan te spreek dat dit nie groei en belegging in landelike gebiede sal ontmoedig nie. Johannes Möller het vandag in Upington gesê: “innoverende modelle moet ontwikkel word wat die regmatige aspirasies van eisers, asook voornemende beleggers se bedenkinge sal aanspreek”. Daar word tans op 'n loodsprojekbasis aan potensiële modelle vir die suikerbedryf gewerk. Agri SA wil ook graag nouer saamwerk met die Restituisie-kommissie ten einde innoverende oplossings te vind vir ernstige uitdagings en 'n balans te probeer bewerkstellig tussen die herstel van grondregte en ekonomiese ontwikkeling. Volgens Möller is restituisie een van die temas wat Agri SA tydens sy kongres in Oktober sal debatteer.

“Die noodsaak om wonde van die verlede te genees sowel as om die behoeftes van grondloses aan te spreek moet gebalanseer word met voedselsekerheid, gegewe die sterk korrelasie tussen laasgenoemde en belegging”, sê Möller.

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With the restitution claims process having been reopened and new claims streaming in, Agri SA has called on the Restitution Commission and Government to address the restitution of land rights in a way that does not inhibit growth and investment in rural areas. “Innovative models should be developed that address the legitimate aspirations of claimants as well as the concerns of would be investors”, said Johannes Moller in Upington today. Work is currently being done on a pilot basis on such potential models in the sugar industry. Agri SA is also desirous to work closer with the Restitution Commission on finding innovative solutions to tough challenges and to try and balance the restoration of land rights and economic development. “Restitution will be one of the themes to be debated at the Agri SA Congress in October”, Möller said.

“The imperative of healing the wounds of the past and addressing the essential needs of the landless, needs to be balanced with food security, which is very closely linked to investment”, Möller added.

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