

Signing on to shape the future



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The CSIR and Syngenta SA signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) during February, committing both organisations to uplifting and shaping the agribusiness future of South Africa through innovative research and technology.

"The CSIR and Syngenta have agreed to collaborate in the broad areas of agriculture and agrochemical product, logistics and decision-making systems, as well as human resource development in these fields. Specific areas of interest include waste management; predictive modeling and early warning systems; bioprospecting and integrated pest management," says Dr Phil Mjwara, CSIR Group Executive: Research and Development and Strategic Human Capital Development.

As a world-leading agribusiness in crop protection and commercial seed, Syngenta SA is committed to sustainable agriculture. "The enthusiasm and commitment by employees over the past six months building up to this event is proof of how dedicated both partners are about shaping the future of South Africa to the benefit of its people," confirmed Antonie Delpont (Managing Director, Syngenta SA). Syngenta employs some 20 000 people in over 90 countries and is listed on the Swiss stock exchange (SYNN) and in New York (SYT).

The MOU facilitates the collaboration process of linking Syngenta's strategic frameworks of health, safety and environment (HSE); sustainable agriculture, product and environmental stewardship, corporate conduct; community involvement; international development and employee well-being with the CSIR's mandate.

"The CSIR strives for excellence in all its endeavours to improve the quality of life of South Africa 's people and to increase the global competitiveness of South African industry," comments Mjwara.

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