



South African Cotton Producers' Organisation
Suid-Afrikaanse Katoenprodusente Organisasie

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND A COTTON WORKSHOP



**Purpose: Farming better and smarter, - optimizing what you have!
Just Keep Farming!!!
The workshop will focus on following Best Management Practices , by
going "Back to Basics (B2B)"!**

U WORD HARTLIK UITGENOOI OM 'N KATOENWERKSWINKEL BY TE WOON

**Doelwit: Plant katoen met beter vernuf – optimiseer met wat jy het!
Hou net aan boer!
Die werkswinkel sal fokus op Beste Bestuurspraktyke – en die terugblik na Basiese
Bestuurspraktyke!**

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THE VENUE

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**Venue / Lokaal: @ The Venue – Hartswater; Farm 1X7
7 & 8 May 2025/ 7 & 8 Mei 2025**

**Accommodation/Akkommodasie: Guests are requested to book and pay their own accommodation
Gaste word versoek om hul eie akkommodasie te bespreek en te betaal.**

The Venue:

- Accommodation for 14 guests, See link for alternative accommodation
- Verblyf vir 14 gaste in enkelkamers. Sien skakel vir alternatiewe akkommodasie.

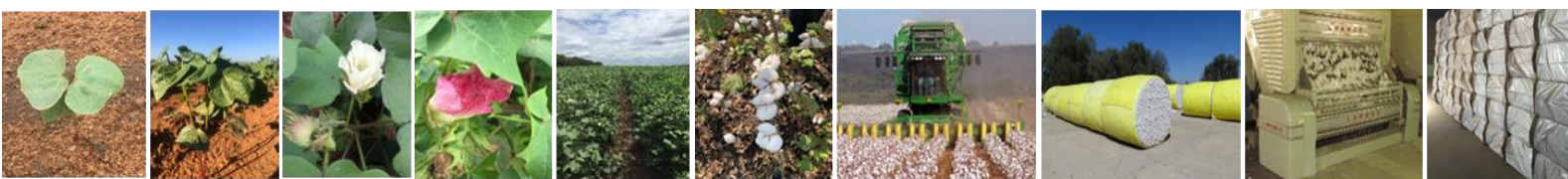
[Alternative accommodation for the workshop](#)

**Registration fee: 1,5 days: R800 2 tea/coffees, 1 lunch, social braai.
Registrasiefooi: 1,5 dae: R800 vir 2 tee/koffies, 1 middagete, sosiale braai.**

Please register and pay, by using the link provided:

Registreer en betaal asseblief aanlyn met onderstaande skakel:

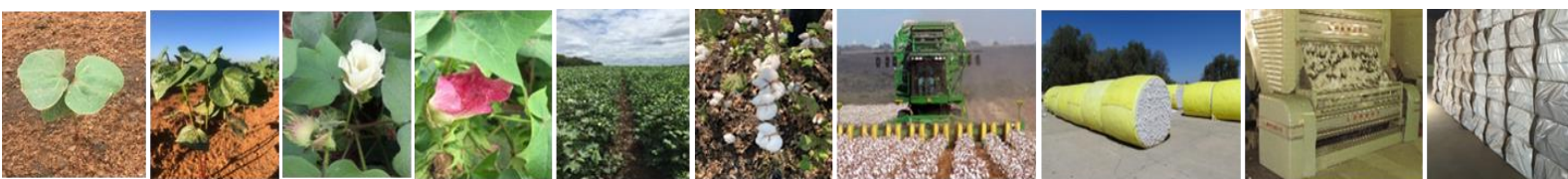
[REGISTRATION FOR THE COTTON WORKSHOP 2025 - Cotton SA](#)



COTTON PRODUCTION WORKSHOP/KATOENPRODUKSIE WERKSWINKEL

Programme: 7 May 2025 – WEDNESDAY / Program: 7 Mei 2025 - WOENSDAG

1.	08h00-09h00	Arrival and registration – The Venue, Hartswater	Managed by Cotton SA
2.	09h00-09h15	Opening & Welcome -	Jozeph du Plessis (Chairman, SAKPO)
3.	9h15-9h30	Industry feedback	Rouan Venter (Chairman, Cotton SA)
4.	9h30-10h45	Session 1: Production – yield and fibre quality	Dr Rene van der Sluijs (Principal Consultant Textile Technical Services)
5.	10h45-11h15	Tea Break	
6.	11h15-12h00	Session 2: Defoliation & harvesting	Dr Rene van der Sluijs (Principal Consultant Textile Technical Services)
7.	12h00-13h00	Panel Discussion – Optimizing what we have	Facilitator (Dr Annette Bennett) <u>Panelists</u> 2 dryland commercial farmers 2 irrigation commercial farmers)
8.	13h00 – 14h00	Lunch	
9.	14h00-14h30	Travel to Vaalharts Cotton Gin	All welcome
10.	14h30– 15h00	Vaalharts Cotton Gin: Opening & Welcome	Louis Olivier
11.	15h00-16h00	Tour through the Gin	Louis Olivier
12.	16h00-16h30	Travel to Irrigation farm – Richard Godfree-Thom, Hartswater	All welcome
13.	16h30-18h00	Irrigation Farm Visit – Richard Godfree-Thom, Hartswater, Vaalharts Irrigation Scheme	All welcome
14.	18h30-Late	Social Braai - The Venue	All welcome



COTTON PRODUCTION WORKSHOP/KATOENPRODUKSIE WERKSWINKEL

Programme: 8 May 2025 – THURSDAY / Program: 8 Mei 2025 – DONDERDAG

1.	08h00-08h30	Opening & Welcome, comments on the previous day	Jozeph du Plessis (Chairman, SAKPO)
2.	8h30-9h15	Video: Optimizing yield and quality – learning lessons from Australia (Pre-recorded for the workshop)	Dr. Micheal Bange (Researcher, CSD)
3.	9h15-9h45	Summary: Take home lessons from Dr. Michael Bange	Jozeph du Plessis
4.	9h30-10h45	Session 3: Ginning and Fibre Quality – market demand	Dr Rene van der Sluijs (Principal Consultant Textile Technical Services)
5.	10h45-11h15	Tea Break	
6.	11h15 - 12h00	Panel Discussion – Optimizing what we have.	Facilitator: (Jozeph du Plessis) Panelists: (tbc) Northern Cape Gin, Johan Maree; Vaalharts Gin & Great North Gin, Louis Olivier; Ubongwa Gin, Phenias Gumede; Koedoeskop Gin, Johan Buitendag; Springbokvlakte Pluismeule, Louis de Beer
7.	12h00-12h15	Closure	Jozeph Du Plessis (SACPO Chairman)
8.	12h15-14h30	Travel to Schweizer-Reneke	All welcome
9.	14h30-16h00	Dryland Farm Visit – Schweizer-Reneke	Jozeph Du Plessis

