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# TLU SA *is proud*

TO BE A FORTRESS FOR THE  
COMMERCIAL FARMER IN SOUTH AFRICA

**TLU SA** is a national agricultural organisation which makes decisions in the interests of commercial agriculture and its members.

**TLU SA** has been working consistently since 1897 to ensure that commercial farmers farm safely and sustainably on their land to contribute to food security and to promote rural stability.

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# MOST IMPORTANT FOCUS AREAS

## *Rural Safety*

Rural safety with the emphasis on violent crimes on farms and smallholdings was declared a national crime priority since 1998. In support and with the approval of the South African Police Service (SAPS), farm watches contributed significantly since the late 1990's with rural patrols in the agricultural areas and assistance to monitor traffic. This also applies to crimes committed outside the agricultural sector, but where suspects use agricultural routes to escape. This is a service which is welcomed and utilised by the SAPS in most areas.

**TLU SA** took the initiative in 2017 with the development of a National Agricultural Safety Strategy which was approved by ASUF (Agri Sector Unity Forum) early in 2018. This strategy, which is adjusted and updated annually, promotes a uniform contribution from agricultural ranks in support of the SAPS's Rural Safety Strategy.

The **TLU SA** Incidents Register has been updated since 1998 and provides reliable statistics for of farm crimes.

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# PROPERTY RIGHTS

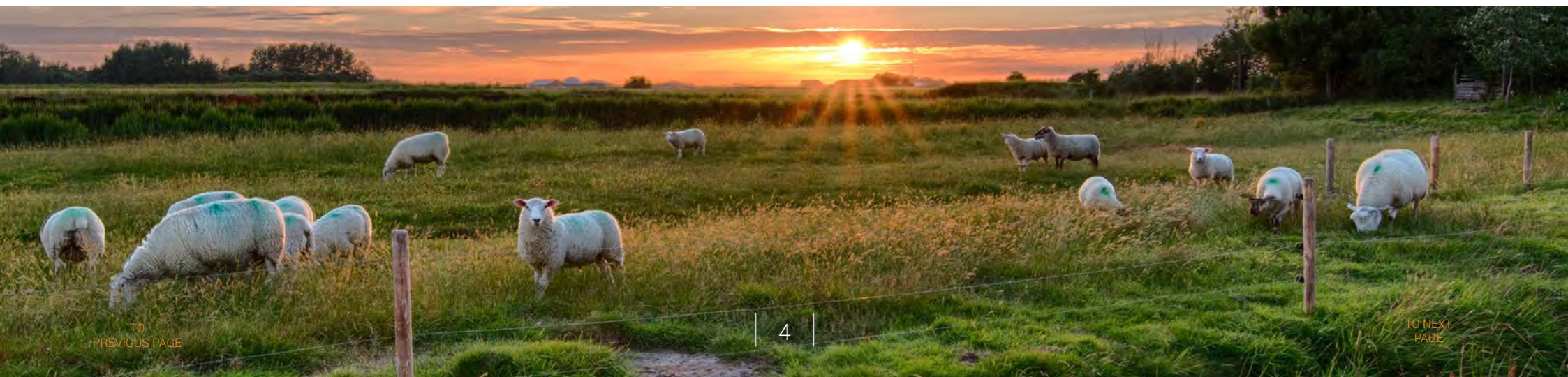
## *Property Rights*

**TLU SA** welcomes new entrants who wish to contribute to the commercial agricultural sector. We believe that the application of free-market principles with minimal state intervention in the economy, and guaranteed private property rights, creates the cornerstone of growth.

Government policy on land reform is a political-orientated process which does not consider economic realities. Land reform will only be to the economic advantage of the country if willing buyers also manage the land thus making a sustainable contribution to agriculture.

**TLU SA** is opposed to land expropriation without compensation. However, in cases where expropriation meets with legal requirements, it should be based on market-related compensation for those who are expropriated. The right to private property is essential for economic stability and the interests of investment security. It is indispensable for the success of an economy.

Sustainable wealth is created by economic growth and not by the redistribution of assets. Economic growth can only be achieved in a free market environment where there is no uncertainty about government policies.



# THE PROPERTY RIGHTS FUND

## *The Property Rights Fund*

**TLU SA** has in the interest of its members, which have benefited other members of the agricultural community as well, deemed it necessary in the past to present their cases in court.

However, such court cases are expensive.

**TLU SA** feels strongly that the property rights of its members, and farmers in general,

should be protected. Considering this, **TLU SA** had the foresight years ago to create a Property Rights Fund to cover such costs.

Due to the importance of the matter, people inside and outside the agricultural community will gladly contribute to the fund. Any donation is therefore appreciated.

### TLU SA PROPERTY RIGHTS FUND

*Banking details*

**TLU SA**

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## *Economic Stability*

As farmers, **TLU SA** strives for the development of commercial agriculture and thus contributes to the recognition of the sector as an independent entity with a rightful place as an important component in the larger economy.

Wealth is only created when people accept responsibility for their own circumstances and future and does not wait for a better life to be created for them by someone else.

This form of wealth can only be created in a policy environment within which investors and entrepreneurs would like to participate. Sensible labour laws, reliable and affordable energy sources, and the successful development and management of infrastructure are non-negotiable for progress. The result of this is successful businesses which contributes to the state's finances in the form of taxes.

A free market system offers the only sustainable opportunity for job creation, poverty alleviation and progress for South Africa.



## *Water Affairs*

The government has an obligation to guarantee unpolluted water as the guardian of all water resources in the country. Water use and consumption in the country needs to be managed more effectively.

South Africa is a water-scarce country with low rainfall which complicates farming in South Africa. The government's failure to declare disaster areas in a timely manner during droughts, and the selective assistance thereafter, threatens food security and ultimately the survival of the agricultural sector.



# TLU SA TRAUMA FUND

## *Trauma Fund*

**TLU SA** strives to provide as much support as possible, not only on a financial level, but also as a mediator in the value chain, by providing drought relief through the Trauma Fund.

The fund was set up during 1962 after a five-year drought and repeated outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease in the Transvaal. Through the fund and with the assistance of the public,

**TLU SA** made tons of fodder and transport subsidies available to farmers in need.

The **TLU SA** Trauma Fund provides support in the following ways:

- Counseling services after farm attacks.
- Emergency relief in times of disaster.
- Socio-economic upliftment projects.
- Agricultural upliftment projects.
- Conservation and rehabilitation of natural resources.
- Assistance to farmers affected by disasters.

## TLU SA TRAUMA FUND

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## YOUNG FARMERS

The **TLU SA** Young Farmer committee is a dynamic group of farmers under the age of 35. These farmers are the future of agriculture in South Africa and they are eager to ensure that the virtues and values of **TLU SA** are introduced to the next generation.

The committee is elected annually and identifies issues and projects relevant to young farmers, such as the **TLU SA** Drought Fund.



## FINANCIAL WELLNESS DESK

We support our members to improve their financial well-being through exposure to unique tools, effective solutions, and top-quality financial planning technology.

The **TLU SA** Financial Wellness Desk is a service that combines all these benefits.

The Desk is based at the **TLU SA** head office in Silverton, Pretoria and offers guidance and support on financial matters under the guidance of Kobus Oberholster, an agricultural specialist financial adviser. Mr. Oberholster is licensed and accredited under Atooth Consulting Services (FSP Registration number: FSP18147) and has for many years had a strong relationship of trust with the management of **TLU SA**.



## INTERNATIONAL LIASON

**TLU SA** has a strong network of supporters abroad. The organisation consults with agricultural organisations and experts in other countries on a regular basis to provide members with the best advice in the world.

**TLU SA** has learnt a lot from Israel in this regard. The conditions in Israel forced them to do research specifically regarding water utilisation in all its forms to obtain the maximum yield with the minimum water. Technology is used for the purpose and we have much to learn from them.

We are on good footing with a wide variety of ambassadors in South Africa who regularly open new opportunities for the commercial agricultural sector.



# Projects

**TLU SA** regularly launches campaigns and projects to inform the wider public about issues that are important to agriculture, and therefore the country.

## FREE STATE FIRES

<https://www.tlu.co.za/en/free-state-fires-trauma-fund/>

TO CAMPAIGN



## ACTIVATE THE FARM WATCH

<https://www.tlu.co.za/en/farm-watch/>

TO CAMPAIGN



## PROPERTY TAX

<https://www.tlu.co.za/en/property-tax/>

TO CAMPAIGN

## HELP THE FARMERS IN THE FREE STATE AFTER THE FIRES



## WE STAND TOGETHER

<https://onsstaansaam.co.za/en/>

TO CAMPAIGN



## MARCH AGAINST FARM MURDERS

<http://stapsaam.co.za/en/>

TO CAMPAIGN



# *Promise*

**TLU SA** humbly accepts the stewardship of land, and accepts responsibility for the soil, fauna and flora & to effectively conserve, protect and manage all available resources for future generations.



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