



# Structure and functions of the Branch: Agricultural Production, Health and Food Safety, Natural Resource and Disaster Management

## Trade Awareness Workshop (Internal)

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## Summary of the functions of the branch: APHFSNRDM

- Develop policies, guidelines and standards on food safety and quality assurance, plant health and animal health matters, plant production and animal production.
- Responsible for handling natural resource and disaster management issues
- Issue phytosanitary, animal health, FBO and abattoir certificates + Animal identification etc
- Home for the National Plant Protection Organisation of SA (NPPOZA)
- Responsible for handling pest risk analysis
- Responsible for pest and disease surveillance, diagnostic and quarantine services, inspections as well as handling training and awareness on SPS issues
- Participate in different bilateral, multilateral, regional and international SPS forums and local industry forum meetings
- Focal point for SPS matters (Plant health, veterinary issues, SPS notifications etc)
- Responsible for handling agricultural inputs control issues
- Issue import permits (veterinary and plant health permits)
- Responsible for handling regulated/ notifiable diseases and pests



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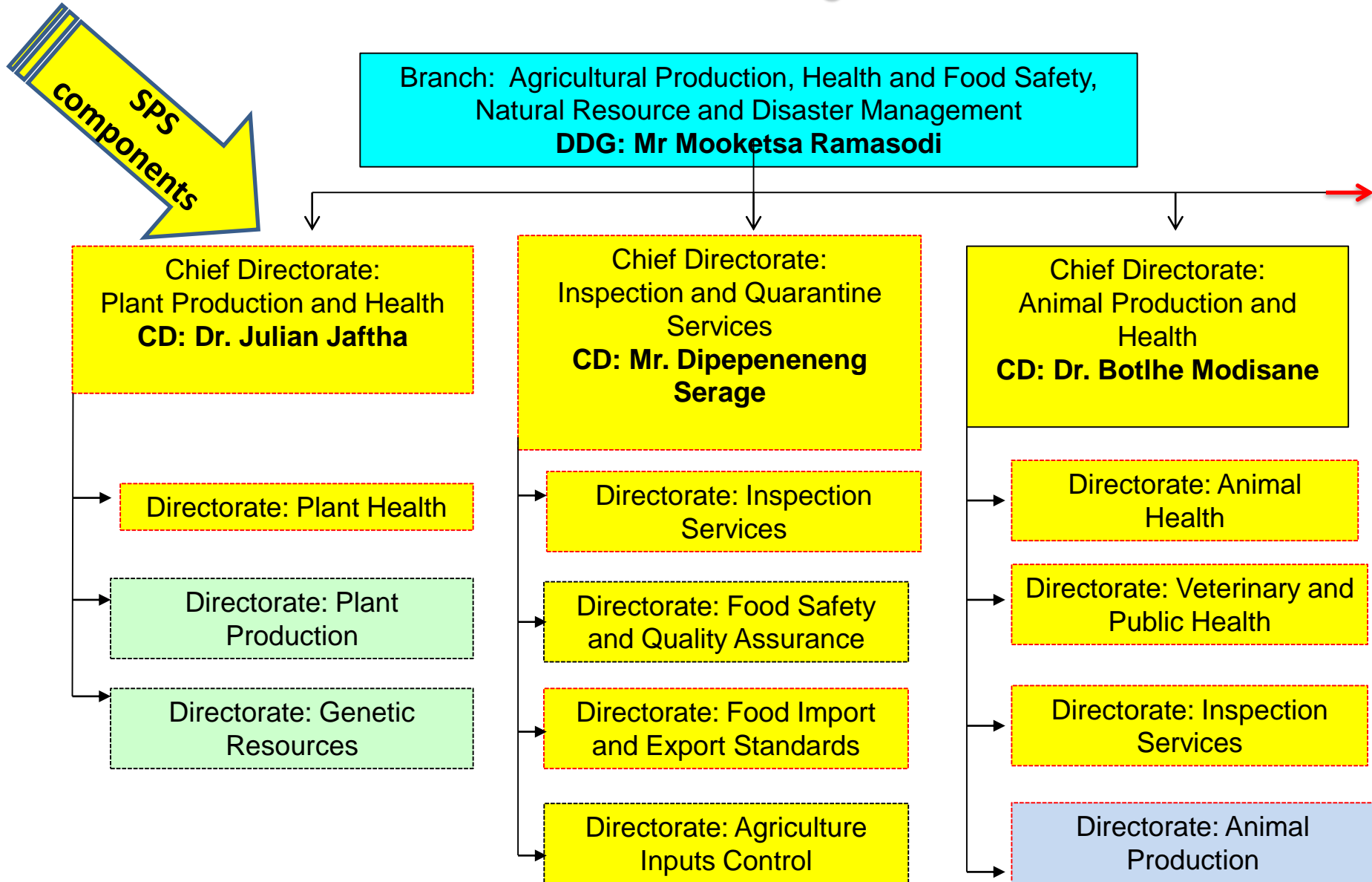


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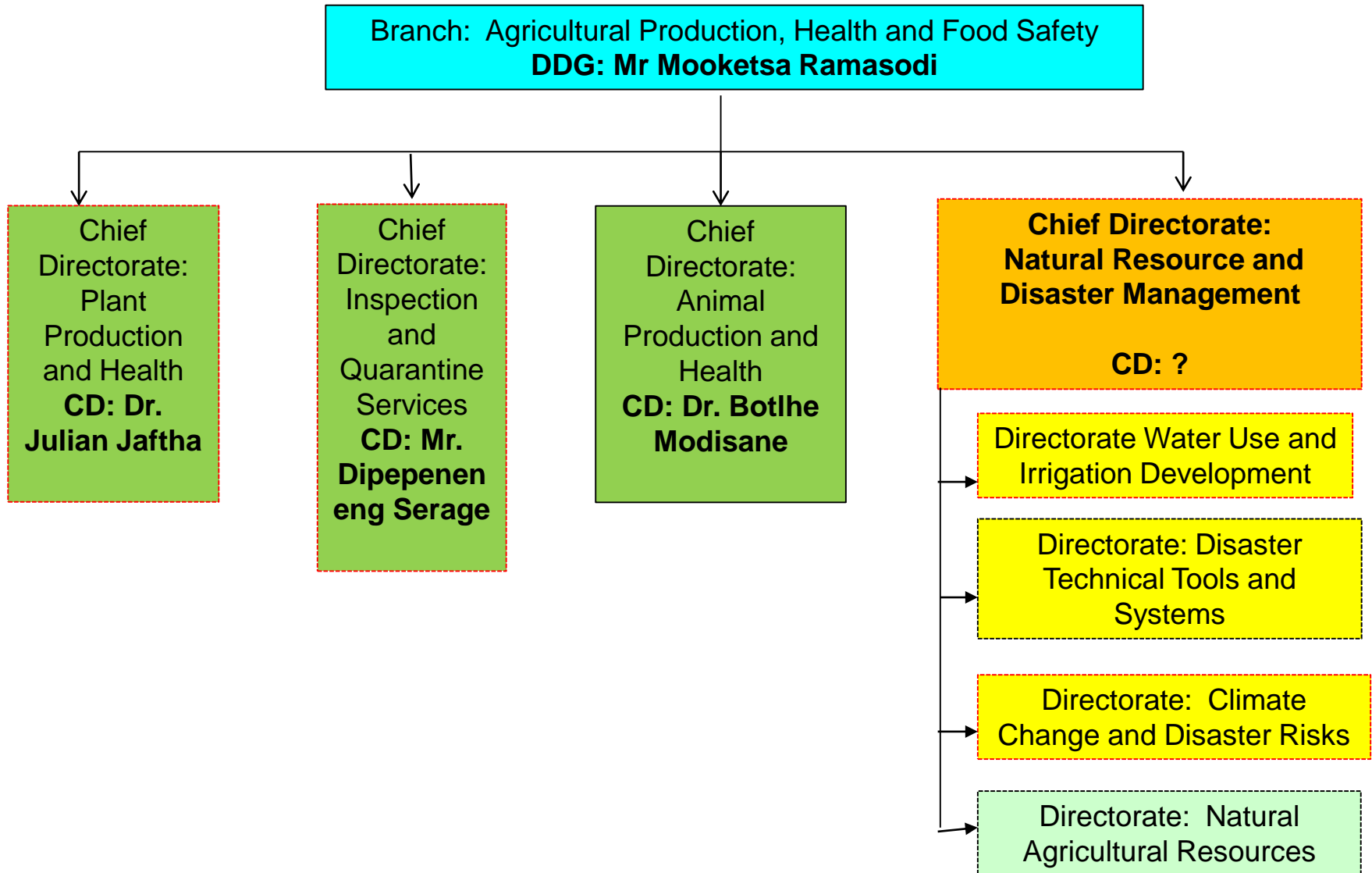
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# Strength of the branch

- Good cooperation with various industries, provinces, universities, research institutes, SPS department, DIRCO, different trading partners, Parastatals such as ARC, NAMC etc
- Reliable scientific information (commodity pests and diseases, SOPs etc)
- Legislations and standards
- Effective communication channels e.g. DALRRD – Industry forums, Farmers associations, DALRRD – PDA etc
- Assignees



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# Important Website links

- ❑ <https://www.dalrrd.gov.za/Branches/Agricultural-Production-Health-Food-Safety/Agriculture-Inputs-Control>
- ❑ <https://www.dalrrd.gov.za/Branches/Agricultural-Production-Health-Food-Safety/Animal-Health>
- ❑ <https://www.dalrrd.gov.za/Branches/Agricultural-Production-Health-Food-Safety/Animal-Production>
- ❑ <https://www.dalrrd.gov.za/Branches/Agricultural-Production-Health-Food-Safety/Food-Import-Export-Standards>
- ❑ <https://www.dalrrd.gov.za/Branches/Agricultural-Production-Health-Food-Safety/Food-Safety-Quality-Assurance>
- ❑ <https://www.dalrrd.gov.za/Branches/Agricultural-Production-Health-Food-Safety/Inspection-Services>
- ❑ <https://www.dalrrd.gov.za/Branches/Agricultural-Production-Health-Food-Safety/Plant-Health>
- ❑ <https://www.dalrrd.gov.za/Branches/Agricultural-Production-Health-Food-Safety/Plant-Production>
- ❑ <https://www.dalrrd.gov.za/Branches/Agricultural-Production-Health-Food-Safety/Veterinary-Public-Health>



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**QUESTIONS?**