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MINISTER DIDIZA APPOINTS THE NEW AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COUNCIL BOARD (ARC)

The Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development Ms. Thoko Didiza, MP has appointed a 11 member board of the Agricultural Research Council(ARC).

In welcoming the new board, Minister thanked the new members for showing interest in the country's premier agricultural research Institution.

The ARC as a science council, has its work going beyond the work of the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development as it is conducted with the support and collaboration with the Department of Science and Innovation.

The work of the ARC also touches several other departments such as the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment, the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition as well as the department of Water and Sanitation.

The Minister urged board members to always be exemplary and demonstrate the highest level of integrity and understanding of their fiduciary duties.

“We will support you with your council development initiatives and will avail resources and time to allow you to effectively and efficiently exercise your oversight role” said Minister Didiza

The department has further injected R472 million towards the resuscitation of the research capacity at the ARC.

The following persons have been appointed to the ARC board for a period of 3 years:

- 1.Ms Joyene Isaacs (reappointment) - Chairperson;
- 2.Dr Konanani Liphadzi (reappointment); Deputy Chairperson
- 3.Dr Jonty Tshipa;
4. Mr Neo Harrison Masithela;
- 5.Ms Clarinda Elizabeth Simpson;
6. Dr Hilke Maartens;
- 7.Mr Goodman Gcaba (reappointment);
- 8.Dr Troy Govender;

9. Dr Poncho Mokaila (reappointment);

10. Dr Pieter Naude Malan (reappointment); and

11. Dr Owen Horwood.

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