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The Agricultural Research Council signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Indian Council of Agriculture Research during the 10th BRICS Summit

Pretoria: The Agricultural Research Council (ARC) recently signed a milestone agreement with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research during the 10th BRICS summit in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Together with the Indian counterpart they both share a common objective to promote and accelerate the progress of research and training in various disciplines of agriculture.

During the BRICS Summit representatives of both organizations signed a memorandum of understanding that focused on collaboration on various aspects including the following:

- a. Exchange of scientists and technologists;
- b. Exchange of germplasm and breeding material;
- c. Exchange of scientific literature, information and methodology;
- d. Exchange of scientific equipment, when available, in pursuit of common interests, as may be jointly decided upon; and
- e. Development and carrying out of collaborative research projects, the areas and methodology to be jointly decided upon.

The CEO of the ARC Dr Shadrack Moephuli emphasised the essence of the relationship, "It's an important milestone for South Africa and India as both countries are faced with the responsibility of ensuring food and nutrition security for their populations; which in turn should enable agriculture to contribute to economic growth, job creation and social development."

The ARC is a national institution charged with the responsibility to conduct research with partners, develop human capital and foster innovation to support the agricultural sector. The ARC also advocates the use of technology and science to provide solution to feed the ever increasing population of the world in the agricultural sector.

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About the Agricultural Research Council

The Agricultural Research Council is a premier science institution that conducts research with partners, develops human capital and fosters innovation in support of the agricultural sector. The ARC provides diagnostic, laboratory, analytical, agricultural engineering services, post-harvest technology development, agrochemical evaluation, consultation and advisory services, food processing technology services as well as various surveys and training interventions. For more information visit the ARC website at: www.arc.agric.za