NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COUNCIL: AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH ACT, 1990 (ACT No. 86 OF 1990)

The Agricultural Research Council (ARC) is a premier science institution that conducts research with partners, develops human capital and fosters innovation in support of the agricultural sector. It 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. Through its wider network of research institutes and experimental farms, the ARC provides a strong scientific base and a broadly distributed technology transfer capacity to the entire agricultural sector in South Africa.

The Minister of Agriculture hereby invites nominations for suitably qualified individuals to serve as Non-Executive Directors and members of the Council of the Agricultural Research Council. The Council will oversee the strategic direction and governance of the Agricultural Research Council.

In terms of the provisions of the Act, the nominees shall be considered for appointment by virtue of their knowledge and experience of:

1. Agriculture,
2. Marketing,
3. The training of agriculturalists and veterinarians,
4. Business and financial management,
5. Law and the environment,
6. Research, development and/or technology transfer in the field of agriculture.

No political office-bearer as defined in section 190A of the Constitution, as well as a member of a Provincial House of Traditional Leaders, the Council of Traditional and Khoisan Leaders, or a local government, and any official of a political party, shall be appointed as a member of the Council.

No person falling within the categories described in section 9(5) of the Act shall qualify for nomination or appointment to the Council. Suitable candidates will be subjected to a personnel suitability check (criminal record, citizenship, qualifications/study verification as well as previous employment verification and financial asset/record check).

Remuneration, allowances and conditions of service of members of the Council:

A member of the Council other than employees of the organs of State, shall receive such remuneration and allowances as the Minister may determine, with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance.

The following documents must accompany each nomination:

1. A detailed curriculum vitae.
2. Written acceptance of the nomination by the nominee.
3. Copy of Identity Document; and
4. Documentary proof of all qualifications.

Please note: Failure to provide all required documentation will result in disqualification from the selection process.

Nominations should reach the address provided below no later than 15 June 2026:
Chief Director: Executive Support Services, Department of Agriculture. Private Bag X250, Pretoria, 0001.

Enquiries: Ms Alicia Stevens boardnominations@nda.gov.za

Correspondence will be limited to successful candidates.

Term of appointment:
Appointment will be for a period of three (3) years, which may be subject to renewal at the discretion of the Minister of Agriculture. The appointment will be supported by applicable Terms of Reference.