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## **THE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH COUNCIL' MAIDEN PARTICIPATION IN THE ECCWGA CONGRESS**

The Agricultural Research Council (ARC) will participate for the first time in the Eastern Cape Communal Wool Growers Association (ECCWGA) congress on 13 September 2023, to be held in the OR Tambo Municipality, Upper Qweqwe Village, Umtata. The congress will be held under the theme 'mobilize, organise, and coordinate the communal wool sheep farmers towards meaningful participation in the wool industry'.

The congress will bring together various stakeholders from outside and in and around the OR Tambo Municipality. It will also provide them with an opportunity to discuss ways of assisting farmers in the wool industry.

The ARC will showcase the following:

- Technology transfer services (Genetic Improvement services)
- Registration of small holders' wool producers to ARC's Animal Improvement Schemes
- Registration of small holder wool producers on INTERGIS
- Cluster farmers for training per region
- Wool testing and analysis services based in Middleburg

The event is a huge milestone in the agricultural sector, particularly for the previously marginalised communities interested in being part of the mainstream economy. Experts and researchers from the ARC will take questions from interested parties and farmers. In addition, they will share with them the latest technologies in the industry and valuable information they can use in upskilling themselves.

**Media is invited as follows:**

Date: 13 September 2023

Time: 09h00-12h00

Venue: Kwa Chief Zanolkhanyo, Qweqwe AA, Mthata

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