

INVITATION TO A PUBLIC
LECTURE BY PROF LOUISE FRESCO

ASSAf Distinguished Visiting Scholar 2013/14

The Agricultural Research Council (ARC) in association with the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf) invites you to a public lecture by Prof Louise Fresco, titled:

“Changing Patterns of Food Production and Consumption in the World and Africa”

Date: 11 February 2014

Time: 17:00 – 20:00 (refreshments will be served from 17:00)

Venue: Agricultural Research Council - Central Office, Hatfield, Pretoria

RSVP with Mr Sandile Ngcamphalala by **3rd February 2014** at ngcamphalalas@arc.agric.za

About the Speaker: Prof Louise Fresco's exciting career has involved decades of fieldwork in tropical countries, travels to over 80 countries, a PhD cum laude in tropical agronomy (Wageningen), chairs



and lectureships at prestigious universities such as Wageningen, Uppsala, Louvain and Stanford and the membership of four scientific academies. The permanent theme of her life is a strong commitment to international development, agriculture and food. She also published eight books (of which three acclaimed novels) and over one hundred scientific articles. Fresco has served in various capacities (member, director, etc.) at numerous national and international institutions including the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry, the Real Academia de Ingeniería in Spain, the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), the Asia Vegetable Research Development Center and CIRAD.

She has served as President of the Advisory Council for Research on Nature and Environment in the Netherlands, Vice-Chair of the Council of the United Nations University, and is a member of the Trilateral Commission, the Supervisory Board of Rabobank and Crown member of the Social and Economic Council of the Netherlands. She currently serves as non-executive director at Unilever and has been appointed as a member of the Royal Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) as well as a member of the independent review committee of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) of the InterAcademy Council. She serves as a member of the Strategy Experts Panel of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations and is also a member of the Montpellier Panel on global food security. Prof Fresco is currently a University Professor in Amsterdam and an advisor to the Dutch government on socio-economic policy, science and sustainability, and sea level rise.

Directions to ARC in Hatfield, Pretoria from Johannesburg:

- Travel on the N1 North to Pietersburg (pass Atterbury and Lynnwood, take the next one after Lynnwood)
- Take the N4 turn-off to Pretoria (this becomes Pretorius Street, the one-way street into the center of Pretoria)
- Turn LEFT at the third traffic light, this is HILDA street, but keep in the left lane of this one-way street
- Cross over Schoeman Street and Arcadia Street. Turn LEFT into PARK Street (Debonnaires pizza at the corner) and still keep left.
- ARC is on the corner of Park Street and Grosvenor Street (Opposite Noise-boys and Tyre Mart) - use the entrance on Grosvenor Street.

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