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Pathways to net ZERO -

Carbon Farming, New technologies and the status of carbon credits thus far.

How to get there!

Soil is more than dirt—it's the foundation of life. And right now, it's under threat from overuse, erosion, and climate change. Through carbon farming, we can turn soil into a powerful climate solution.

Save the Soil: Carbon Africa 2026 is a conference aimed at protecting and rebuilding our soils through practices that pull carbon from the atmosphere and store it in the ground boosting fertility, increasing yields, and fighting climate change at the same time.

Beyond its environmental impact, carbon farming is unlocking new economic opportunities through participation in carbon markets. By improving soil health and increasing organic carbon stocks, farmers can generate verified carbon credits—assets that can be traded or sold to companies and governments committed to offsetting their emissions.

Carbon Africa 2026 will bring together the full value chain—farmers, carbon project developers, investors, certification bodies, and policymakers—to explore how Africa's agricultural sector can benefit from this rapidly growing market while delivering measurable climate impact.

Join farmers, scientists, community leaders, and policymakers as we:

- Regenerate degraded land with low-cost, nature-based solutions
- Reward farmers for restoring soil organic carbon
- Build a resilient future through knowledge, partnerships, and action
- Exploring the challenges and hurdles of obtaining Carbon Credits

Looking Ahead: What Next for South African Farmers?

Working together for a low-carbon future... The climate is shifting. So is agriculture. As farmers, scientists, service providers, and policymakers, we're not just navigating change—we're creating it.

From Regenerative methods to emissions reduction tools, from practical science to profitable solutions, we need conversations that bring all the pieces together in one room—and that's what this conference aims to do. The Carbon Africa Summit 2025 is a landmark gathering for those driving the transformation of agriculture.

We are excited to invite you to an impactful conference that will provide an opportunity to exchange cutting-edge insights and real-world experiences in carbon farming, highlighting its critical role in Africa's climate change mitigation efforts.

Under the theme of Net Zero Emissions... The conference will address the urgent challenges facing agriculture—Through interactive sessions and focused discussions, we aim to identify practical, forward-thinking solutions that strengthen the sector's resilience in the face of a changing climate. Your participation is vital. By contributing your perspective, you'll help shape innovative and sustainable pathways for the future of agriculture in SA. Together, we can drive meaningful progress toward a low-carbon, climate-resilient agricultural system.

"Every handful of healthy soil is a powerful tool in the fight against climate change."

We look forward to welcoming you to this important conversation. We invite you to join us—for a future-focused event that doesn't just talk about change, but makes it happen. Let's collaborate, share knowledge, and take action for a more sustainable future.

Looking forward to seeing you at the conference! Empire Events!

LEADING EXPERTS INCLUDE...



Dr Tara Southey:
Climate/Agroclimate
Sustainability Expert,
Stellenbosch University



Mr Franz Rental
MD Anthesis SA, Founder of
AgriCarbon, Carbon Markets
Expert



Dr Marco Lotz
Chief Sustainability Officer
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Mr Thando Lukhuko
Managing Director,
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Mr Antonio Timoteo
Chief Executive Officer
SoilLogia: Carbon Removal



Dr Lize Kok
Carbon Portfolio Director,
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**Professor Guy
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**Mr Nyasha Fidelis
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Ms. Silvana Claassen
Technical Director,
ERM Climate Markets



Mr Pieter Brand
Farm Manager,
Goedgedacht Trust

AGENDA		
DAY ONE - 21 MAY 2026		
08:00- 08:30	REGISTRATION	
08:30-09:00	Enhancing emission reductions in South African agriculture: The crucial role of carbon credits in incentivizing climate-smart farming practices CASE STUDY: Carbon Credits: A success story, albeit above the ground! 	Speaker: Dr Marco Lotz- Chief Sustainability Officer, Carbon Disclosure SA
09:00-09:45	AgriCarbon: Harvesting the First Agricultural Carbon Credits in Africa 	Speaker: Mr Franz Rental- MD Anthesis SA
09:00-09:45	 Carbon Credits. What farmers are already doing – and being rewarded for? Financing mechanisms to drive the uptake of climate-smart agriculture technologies	Speaker: Mr Thando Lukhuko- MD Mansa Advisory
10:30	BREAK	
10:45-11:30	 Rainforest Alliance's 2030 Strategy for Growth in emerging markets of the Global South	Speaker: Ms Marla Naidoo- Africa Director Rainforest Alliance
Improve soil health while reducing emissions:		
11:30-12:15	 Building Resilient Farming Systems Through Soil Health Innovation: Lessons from the Cape	Speaker: Dr Ida Wilson- Specialist Agricultural Consultant, IW Consulting & Stellenbosch University
12:15-13:00	 Carbon Farming: A pathway to climate change mitigation	Speaker: Professor Guy Midgely- Acting Director: Climate Change Stellenbosch University
13:00-14:00	LUNCH	
14:00-14:45	 Soil Carbon as a Climate Asset: Measuring, Valuing, and Monetising Carbon in African Agriculture	Speaker: Ms Silvana Claassen- Technical Director, ERM Climate Markets
14:45-15:30	From Satellites to Soil: Leveraging Remote Sensing and Climate Data for Scalable Soil Carbon Solutions 	Speaker: Mr Jaun van Loggerenberg- Lead Scientist at C4 EcoSolutions
15:30	BREAK	
16:00	END OF DAY ONE	



AGENDA		
DAY TWO - 22 MAY 2026		
08:45-09:00	REFRESHMENTS	
09:00-09:45	 COWS AND CARBON: DESTiny: Taking control of your Carbon Footprints: Paving the way for a Greener Dairy Industry	Speaker: Ms Riana Reinecke, Animal Scientist FarmVision
09:45-10:30	 Building Resilient Futures: TerraClim's Climate and Spatial Data for Net Zero Agriculture	Speaker: Dr Tara Southey, CEO TerraClim
10:30	BREAK	
10:45-11:30	 What low-carbon farming really looks like? UPL's "CarbonSmart programme" that supports and encourages farmers to adopt sustainable agricultural land management practices that increase the amount of organic carbon sequestered in soils."	Speaker: Mr Matthew Kensett, Specialised Agri Solutions and Intelligence Lead – UPL Africa
11:30-12:15	Nature-Based Climate Solutions: Engineering Soil Carbon for Regenerative Agriculture 	Speaker: Mr Nyasha Fidelis Shumbayarerwa, Principal Advisor, Carbon: Nature Solutions, Rio Tinto
12:15-13:00	 Learnings from research and feedback from the field: How to put in place carbon farming on a farm? What levers and barriers? -Regenerative Practices	Speaker: Mr Pieter Brand- Farm Manager Goedgedacht Trust & Mr Danie Bester- Regenerative Farmer
13:00-14:00	LUNCH	
14:00-14:45	 Waste to Wellness: Biochar-Based Soil Amendments for Sustainable Agriculture & Carbon Sequestration	Speaker: Mr Antonio Timoteo, Chief Executive Officer SoilLogia: Carbon Removal
14:45-15:00	BREAK	
15:00-15:45	 Carbon Farming: Harnessing Agriculture for Carbon Sequestration	Speaker: Dr Lize Kok, Carbon Portfolio Manager Tasc
END OF CONFERENCE		

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Emerging Farmers | Commercial Farmers | Youth Agriculturists | Conservation Agriculturalists | Environmental Managers | Scientific Manager | Laboratory Managers | Government Departments | Climatologists | Agricultural / Field Researchers and Consultants | Horticulturist | Agriculture finance and funding business units | Professional Scientist | Professors & Heads Agriculture & Agronomy | Soil Scientist/Technicians | Plant Scientist | Ecologists' | Biotechnologists | Fertilizer & Seed Companies | Extension Officers | Conservation Agriculturists | Pasture Scientist | Plant Health Diagnostic

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