



DR. THEO DE JAGER

PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD FARMERS ORGANISATION (WFO)

SHORT BIO

I am a farmer, philosopher and poet, an ultimate believer in Africa and its people. A keen student of nature, exponent of changing the life of smallholder farmers in Africa by empowering them with the principles of commercial agriculture. I am married to Karin, a lawyer, with two girls and a boy, residing in Tzaneen, Limpopo Province, South Africa.

EXPERIENCE

PRESIDENT • WORLD FARMERS ORGANISATION • JUNE 2017 – CURRENT

BOARD CHAIRMAN • SAAI • 2019 – CURRENT

Founder and board chairman of Southern African Agri Initiative (SAAI).

FOUNDER AND CHAIRMAN • AAA • 2014 – CURRENT

Agri All Africa (AaA) is a solutions-based company that serves as a super platform integrating relevant components in the agricultural value chain towards successful commercial farming practices in Africa

COMMERCIAL FARMER • 1997 – CURRENT

Farming timber and subtropical fruits (i.e. avocados, mangoes and macadamia nuts) in the Lowveld of the Limpopo Province of South Africa.

PRESIDENT • PAFO • 2014 – 2017

Pan African Farmers Organisation

PRESIDENT • SACAU • 2012 – 2017

Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions. Board member since 2009 and Vice-President since 2010.

Representative for SACAU at UNFCCC's COP17 (Durban 2011) up to COP 22 in Marrakech 2016 and SBSTA in Bonn since 2011, presenting the case of agriculture on behalf of farmers of the world at plenary and closure.



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VICE PRESIDENT • AGRI SA • 2008 – 2014

CHAIRMAN OF GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL • AGRI SA • 2014 – 2015

MEMBER OF GENERAL COUNCIL • AGRI SA • 2005 – 2015

**CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE ON TRANSFORMATION,
FARMER DEVELOPMENT AND LAND AFFAIRS • AGRI SA • 2006 – 2015**

CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE ON AFRICA • AGRI SA • 2009 – 2013

**CHAIRMAN • TRICHARDTSDAL/OFCOLACO FARMERS ASSOCIATION
• 2001 – 2007**

FOUNDER AND VICE PRESIDENT • AGRI LAND FORUM • 2003 – 2005

**MEMBER • MINISTERIAL COUNCIL FOR BLACK ECONOMIC
EMPOWERMENT IN AGRICULTURE • 2008 – 2015**

**MEMBER • LIMPOPO PREMIER ECONOMICAL ADVISORY COUNCIL •
2009 – 2015**

**CHAIRMAN • LIMPOPO PREMIER'S GREEN ECONOMY WORKING
GROUP • 2009 – 2014**



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EDUCATION

PH.D. (PHILOSOPHY) • 1988 • UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA

Thesis Title:- "Black Consciousness".

MASTERS (PHILOSOPHY) • 1986 • UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA

Cum Laude

BACHELORS (HONS) (PHILOSOPHY) • 1985 • UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA

Cum Laude

BACHELORS (POLITICAL SCIENCE) • 1984 • UNIVERSITY OF STELLENBOSCH

CAREER

- 1981/82 SA Air Force
- 1984-1992 Control Analyst at State Security Council
- 1986-1988 Intelligence Coordinator in the Office of the State President
- 1992-1997 Negotiation and Conflict Management Consultant for various mining and high-tech companies such as Gencor (now BHP Billiton) Denel, Nuclear Energy Corporation, Singer, Krygkor/Denel
- Since 1991 visiting lecturer (twice per annum for 14 lectures) to the SA National Defence College on Conflict Studies and strategy



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- Since 1992 Strategic Planning facilitator for various companies, lawyers- and auditor's firms, organisations and government departments
- Since 1997 a full time farmer of subtropical fruit, timber and goats in Tzaneen, Limpopo

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Member of SA Avocado Growers Association

Member of Forestry SA

Member of Letaba Fire Protection Association

Member of SA Council for the Property Valuers Profession

Member of the SA Institute for Auctioneers

Member of AgriSaMoz (SA farmers in Mozambique)

Member of Congo Farmers Union

Member of Subtrop (Macadamia, Mango and Lychee producers)

Member of Letaba Flying Club, Bush Pilots

PUBLICATIONS

397 articles on land affairs, transformation, agriculture, climate change and agricultural investment in Africa in various magazines - including: Landbou-Weekblad, Farmers Weekly, Vrye Afrikaan, Beeld, Rapport, La Monde, Der Spiegel, Washington Post and various others, and contributions to books.

Contributions to 32 poetry collections

Di-mensies – poetry debut in 1997, Die Woordgilde



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Sprokkel – 2007, (poetry) die Woordgilde
Stad sonder mure -2012 Radio Drama (City without walls; a philosophical review on the act of dying)
Wanderlust -2017, (Poetry) Die Woordgilde

One of my poems, *Kontak*, had been used by the Department of Education in the National Senior Certificate final exams from 2006-2016, and another, *Afrikaans*, since 2017

AWARDS

- South African Agricultural Writers: Limpopo Agriculturalist of the year 2005 and 2016
- South African Agriculturalist of the year 2016

CONFERENCES, SYMPOSIA

Speaker at 214 conferences in 28 countries on agriculture, land reform, strategic planning, Africa, conflict, management of change and the philosophy of language. Most recently a speaker at the UN Climate Summit in New York November 2019, World Economic Forum 2020 in Davos, and Green Week and Global Forum for Food and Agriculture 2020 in Berlin



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FURTHER READING

- www.wfo-oma.org
- www.agriallafrica.com/
- <https://pafo-africa.org/>
- <http://www.sacau.org/>
- <http://www.newrepublic.com/tags/theo-de-jager>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uEElh7XeEFo>
- <http://www.polity.org.za/topic/theo-de-jager>
- <http://www.cmtevents.com/speakerprofiles.aspx?ev=100421&spid=4018&>
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- <http://farmlandgrab.org/cat/show/456?page=3>
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- <http://maroelamedia.co.za/blog/author/theodejager/>
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- <http://www.farmersweekly.co.za/article.aspx?id=17980&h=Staring-down-the-barrel-of-the-land-claims-shotgun>
- <http://www.farmersweekly.co.za/search.aspx?s=dr+theo+de+jager&p=6>
- <http://www.wfo-oma.com/news/africa-must-take-ownership-of-its-agriculture-theo-de-jager-elected-president-of-pan-african-farmers-organisation.html>
- <http://www.flickr.com/photos/crossingcontinents/page8/>



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