

Speaker



DR. LUKESHNI CHETTY

PRESENTATION DATE & TIME

Wednesday 5 June @ 10h30

PRESENTATION TITLE

SANSOR The Future of Seed

General Manager of the South African National Seed Organisation (SANSOR) since 2012. She studied at the University of the Free State - B.Sc. in Genetics and Biochemistry, B.Sc. (Hons.) in Genetics with distinction, M.Sc. in Genetics with distinction and Ph.D in Genetics. Over her academic career, she has been recognised with numerous awards and scholarships from industry as well as NRF.

In 2008 she was appointed as Deputy Director: GMO Monitoring and Research at the South African National Biodiversity Institute. She was tasked with developing a GMO monitoring framework for South Africa. Through this programme the first national post-commercial monitoring framework for GMO maize for South Africa was developed.

She is currently the General Manager of the South African National Seed Organization. She is tasked with representing the South African seed industry's interests nationally and internationally on all matters pertaining to seed trade which amongst others include science and policy issues and phytosanitary matters. She represents SANSOR on the Boards of SACTA (South African Cultivar and Technology Agency) and ISF (International Seed Federation). She was recently recognized by ISF for her outstanding contribution to ISF in 2023.

As General Manager of SANSOR, she is the first female, person of colour and the youngest General Manager in the history of SANSOR.

