

## **CV: Theo de Jager**

Theo de Jager is a timber and subtropical fruit farmer in Tzaneen, Limpopo.

### **Involvement in organized agriculture:**

Chairman and founder of the family farmers network Saai

Chairman of the board of Agri-All-Africa, an agri-agency representing South-African, Zimbabwean and Namibian farmers elsewhere in Africa, since 2014

Chairman of the board of the Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network - FANRPAN

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### **Previous:**

President of the World Farmers Organisation June 2017-June 2022

Board member of the Alliance for Commodity Trade in East and Southern Africa (ACTESA), a structure of the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)

• President of the Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU) 2013-2017

• President of the Pan African Farmers Organization - PAFO 2014-2017

• Vice President of Agri-SA 2008-2014

• Chairman of Agri-SA General Affairs Council 2014-2015 • Member of Agri-SA General Council 2005-2015 • President of Agri-Limpopo 2006-2008 • Chairman of the Agri-SA Policy Committee on Transformation, farmer development and land affairs 2006-2015 • Chairman of the Agri-SA Policy Committee on Africa 2009-2013 • Chairman of Trichardtsdal/Ofcolaco Farmers Association 2001-2007 •

Founder and vice-president of the Agri Land Forum 2003-2005 •

Member of the Limpopo Premier Economical Advisory Council since 2009 •

Chairman of the Limpopo Premier's Green Economy Working Group

### **Bio**

Born: 26 January 1963 in Kempton Park, Gauteng, South Africa

School: Hoërskool Menlopark 1980

### **Qualifications:**

◆ BA Political Science 1984; University of Stellenbosch

Resident in Majuba

◆ BA Hons. Philosophy 1985 (Cum Laude) University of Pretoria

◆ MA Philosophy 1986 (Cum Laude) University of Pretoria

◆ D Phil Philosophy 1989 University of Pretoria

### **Leadership:**

School

- Students Council
  - Editor of the school newspaper
  - Junior Town Council of Pretoria
  - Chairman of both English and Afrikaans debating societies •
- Winner of several Afrikaans and English orators competitions

University:

Member of Stellenbosch Students Parliament  
Chairman of Fencing Club,  
Church Youth Action,  
Afrikaans Students Society  
Winner of the ASB inter university debating competition.1984

### **Civil Society**

- Co-Founder and Chairman of the Foundation for Equality before the Law 1995-1998
- Co-Founder of the poetry society; Die Woordgilde since 1986

### **Career:**

1981/82 SA Air Force

1984-1992 Control Analyst at State Security Council

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

Since 1991 visiting lecturer to the SA National Defense College on Conflict Studies and Strategy

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

### **Family:**

Married to Karin, an attorney of law

3 children; LT (2001), Rachel (2003) and Kristi (2007)

## **Publications:**

More than 600 articles on land affairs, transformation, agriculture, climate change and agricultural investment in Africa, climate change, animal based protein and global food systems in magazines like Landbou-Weekblad, Farmers Weekly, Vrye Afrikaan, Beeld, Rapport, La Monde, Der Spiegel, Washington Post, Politicsweb and various others, and contributions to books.

Contributions to 32 poetry collections

Di-mensies – poetry debut in 1997, Die Woordgilde

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

Two of his poems, Kontak and Afrikaans, have been used by the Department of Education in the National Senior Certificate final exams

## **Conferences, symposia**

Speaker at numerous conferences on 6 continents on agriculture, land reform, strategic planning, Africa, conflict, management of change and the African philosophy

## **Awards**

South African Agricultural Writers Guild:

Limpopo Agriculturalist of the year 2005 and 2016

South African Agriculturalist of the year 2016

Zimbabwe Farming Oscar for global leadership

## **Further reference:**

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