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New Managing Trustee Appointed for SAPO Trust

The South African Plant Improvement Organization (SAPO Trust) has appointed a new Managing Trustee. Reporting to the Board of Trustees, Shawn Coetzee, an MBA graduate from the University of Stellenbosch, will take over the reins from Burgert van Dyk on the 1st of May 2018.

Coetzee, a former Chairperson of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's (OECD) Fresh Fruit and Vegetables Scheme, has served in a number of senior management positions during this 23 year tenure at the Perishable Products Export Control Board (PPECB). More recently, he has held the position of Senior Manager: Food Safety and Technical Services responsible for a number of business units and strategic programmes within the PPECB business.

He has also chaired a number of international meetings during this career, including meetings at the United Nations in Geneva and has been a speaker at a number of international platforms to date.

With an undergraduate in Food Science and Technology, and a Master's Degree in Business Management and Administration, Coetzee was also awarded the Directors Award as the best student of the University of Stellenbosch's Executive Development Programme in 2007.

Peter Dall, SAPO Trust Chairperson, said that Coetzee brings 23 years of fruit experience with him and is well-connected in the industry. "We are very excited to have him."



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Coetzee, who is married, has a daughter (13) and son (11). In his spare time he loves reading and camping, and like a typical South African, he enjoys his *braais*.

SAPO Trust wants to thank Burgert van Dyk who ably managed the Trust for the past 6 months while the recruitment process was underway. Van Dyk has been appointed as 2.I.C. to Shawn Coetzee with a number of business units reporting to him.



Shawn Coetzee