



Social audits more and more important

The future of farm certification begins.

Somerset West / Berlin, 14th february 2017: With a mutual press conference during the Fruit Logistica, SIZA was showcased by their new partner GLOBALG.A.P.

The conference was focused on “The Future of Farm Certification”. This is an issue of growing international relevance, as can be shown by the rising number of GLOBALG.A.P. member adopting the social audit GRASP. With an increase by 116 %, their worldwide quantity has more than doubled.

Regarding pathbreaking ways of farm certification, SIZA sets standards in South Africa. “SIZA enables the South African Agriculture sector to become a global leader in sustainable, ethical trade and environment stewardship”, said Anton Rabe, Director of SIZA.

The partnership with GLOBALG.A.P. was a great achievement for the south African initiative, as Rabe explains: “By recognizing Global G.A.P. certification as the foundation and pre-requisite for a SIZA audit, we can reduce duplication for our farms. The partnership with GLOBALG.A.P. allowed us to display the SIZA audit in the GLOBALG.A.P. database, so that our clients can review the status of all our south African growers via the GGN search and bookmarking in one place.”

About SIZA

SIZA, the Sustainability Initiative of South Africa, is enabling the South African agriculture sector to become a global leader in sustainable, ethical trade and environmental stewardship. It has been harmonizing global ethical trade requirements in a South Africa context since 2008. Furthermore, it improves supply chain sustainability, ensuring compliance and reducing risks, while at the same time supporting and training with regard to best practices and continuous improvement. Verification is via 3rd party audits. Supply chain visibility is provided via electronic databases, the reputation of suppliers and retailers is protected, and duplication and costs are kept at a minimum. Learn more about SIZA at <http://siza.co.za/>

About GLOBALG.A.P.

GLOBALG.A.P. is a leading global certification program whose mission is to bring farmers and retailers together to produce and market safe food to protect scarce resources and build a sustainable future. For more information on GLOBALG.A.P. visit www.globalgap.org.

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