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AGRA PROVIDES NEW LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FARMERS

The Agra public lectures, contributing to Namibian agriculture as part of Agra's corporate social involvement, start again this weekend. In the first round of public lectures, Dr Hassel: Technical Advisor, Animal Health of Agra will inform farmers on vaccination programs and parasite control for sheep and goats. The lectures will be presented on 25 March in Karibib, 26 March in Swakopmund and on 2 April in Rehoboth.

A series of public lectures on swakara production will be presented in May and June this year in Keetmanshoop, Karasburg, Gibeon, Otjimbingwe, Usakos, Uis and in Windhoek. In the north, public lectures will be presented on 24 June in Oshakati and 25 June in Oshivelo. These lectures will equip farmers with knowledge on livestock parasites and remedies and improving animal production through lick supplementation. The annual public lecture in Windhoek takes place on 29 June at the Agra Bank Windhoek conference facility and will focus on breeding and selection of cattle.

This is the fifth year that Agra presents these lectures. The main aim of the Agra public lectures is to provide information, guidance and practical training to farmers and the farming community at large. This assists in building capacity to be applied in day-to-day operations on farms, builds the foundation for future growth and provides additional productivity pointers for improving general farm management and methods.

Attendance to these public lectures is free and can be confirmed with Martha or Angelina at tel. 061-290 9357. "We are acting on the continuous need for information sharing as expressed by farmers and look forward to see the old faces as well as many new participants at this year's lectures," said Pieter Hugo, manager of Agra's professional services division.

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