



SASTA working Group on Sugar Industry Skills Development and Shortages and the Lack of Technology Adoption

Date: 15 April 2010

Venue: Sugar Milling Research Institute (Library-Conference Room), UKZN campus, Durban

**Cost: Free - but please register with sasta@sugar.org.za
Confirmed replies needed for catering purposes.**

The purpose of this meeting is to share information and ideas with respect to (1) constraints in skills and skills development and (2) the lack of technology adoption in the sugar industry. This should provide SASTA with clarity on the main issues and will help to formulate a meaningful and productive WORKSHOP later in the year

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

08:00 - 08:30	Welcome tea	
08:30 - 08:40	SASTA president: Paul Schorn	Welcome and setting the scene
08:40 - 09:10	Gavin Smith	Education: An overview of the sugar industry's needs and trends in modern manufacturing practices
09:10 - 09:40	Prof Volker Wedekind	Limitations and opportunities in the education system - a focus on technical training and the FET colleges
09:40 - 10:10	Prof Peter Zacharias	Limitations and opportunities in the education system - a focus on the university education system
10:10 - 10:40	Coffee break	
10:40 - 11:10	Martin Eweg	Agricultural extension, adoption and training - what is the <i>real</i> problem out there?
11:10 - 11:30	Prof Carel Bezuidenhout	Adoption, innovation and experiences from the sugar industry
11:30 - 11:50	Dr Edilegnaw Wale	Fundamental principles and flaws pertaining to technology adoption in agriculture
11:50 - 12:10	Shamim Bodhanya	The relationship between technology adoption and adaptive complexity
12:10 - 12:30	General discussion and closure	To be facilitated by Prof Carel Bezuidenhout