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Membership

Producer:	606
Producer Packhouse:	4
Packhouse:	51
Multi-sites:	53
Export Agent:	23
Import Agent:	5
Retailers / Industry associations:	7
Commercial Bodies:	6
(Training Service providers; Audit bodies)	
TOTAL:	750



Siza Website

The SIZA Website, www.siza.co.za has been updated and contains relevant information about the SIZA programme, including background to the programme, the SIZA Capacity-building programme and recognised training service providers, audits and recognised audit bodies, and general resources.

Siza Capacity Building Programme Roll out

SIZA is rolling out its capacity-building programme throughout provinces in South Africa in 2014 and 2015. A total of 17 workshops have already taken place reaching 332 participants in seven provinces. The funding, available for 2014 and 2015, will support training for SIZA members with implementation of the SIZA Standard requirements. Training is targeted at people who are responsible for implementation and/or oversight of ethical requirements in the workplace, for example, admin staff, extension officers, buyer representatives (eg retailers), supervisors and worker representatives. The aim is to build a national infrastructure of 'ethical trade facilitators' who have a greater understanding of ethical trading requirements and who can build awareness of ethical trade in the workplace. The funding will be used to facilitate over 70 workshops for its members at no additional cost to the member. SIZA has recognised 20 training service providers who work in the agricultural sector around the country who are responsible for organising and facilitating the workshops. Look on the SIZA website: www.siza.co.za (click on *Capacity-building*) for a list of the recognised training service providers who you can contact if you wish to participate in a SIZA workshop. There is no cost for attending a SIZA Ethical Trade Facilitator's course for SIZA members.



Siza Resources

We will shortly finalise the SIZA poster which will be available on the website but will also be made available to people who attend the capacity-building workshops.

An Ethical Trading Guide for Employees (based on the original Ethical Trading Handbook) which provides information on the standard in a more accessible format for workers, is available in English on the website and is being translated into four languages.

If you need more information on how to develop an ethical trade policy, go to the SIZA website, www.siza.co.za (click on *Resources*) and find the ‘*How to Develop a policy*’ series which provides a guide to developing an Ethical Trade Policy and other policies linked to the SIZA Standard. We are currently developing more guides as part of this series.

Siza Visit to UK/EU/Berlin Fruit Logistica

The SIZA programme visit to UK and EU in February 2014 had very positive outcomes with support for the programme reinforced by the range of retailers, buyers and other stakeholders we met. Meetings were held with retailers in the UK, including Tesco, Sainsburys, Waitrose, Morrisons, Marks and Spencer, Walmart and ASDA. In Europe, meetings were held with Ahold, Colroyt, and Delhaize who are all members of BSCI (Business Social Compliance Initiative) but will accept SIZA as a recognised equivalent to BSCI. We have now formally requested recognition of the SIZA Standard and audit from BSCI and believe the outcome of this will be positive. In the meantime we continue to engage with all retailers in the interests of convergence and non-duplication of audits and there is international support for this principle.

Following the Berlin Fruit Logistica, seven SIZA workshops were presented in Europe and UK focusing on the programme and data system. These took place in Hamburg, Utrecht, Stockholm, and London. A total of 100 people attended the workshops and the feedback was excellent and very helpful. The attendance figures demonstrated a big interest in the SIZA programme and provided us with a clear message that internationally, there is support for a locally driven initiative.

Agreement with WIETA

SIZA has reached an agreement with WIETA which will allow SIZA members who have done a SIZA audit to be recognised by WIETA for purposes of obtaining the WIETA certification. WIETA will still need to do a spot-check on the site to ensure corrective actions have been completed before certifying the site. The cost of the spot-check can be recovered from Vinpro if they are Vinpro members.

Enquiries and Siza Registrations

For general enquiries including registrations, SAQs and SEDEX, contact Mariessa Erasmus on the SIZA Helpline: 086 11 11 568 or email her at info@siza.co.za.

To register on SIZA, log onto the SIZA website www.siza.co.za, click on “Registrations” and you will be guided to the Registration form to complete.