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# GMOS & WINE MEDIA ROUND TABLE

## Final Programme

09:30 -	Registration & refreshments
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*Programme to start promptly at 10:00*

Time	Topic	Speaker
10:00	Programme overview and introduction to virtual media	Debora Patta Independent Facilitator Programme Director
10:05	<b>Official welcome</b>	Lorenzo Raynard, Manager: Science Communication Unit, SAASTA
10:10	<b>GMOs in South Africa: A Regulatory Perspective</b>	Chantal Arendse, Biosafety Directorate, National Department of Agriculture
10:25	Questions & engagement	Debora Patta
10:40	<b>Wine Biotechnology - Regulation and Commercialization</b>	Dr Viresh P. Ramburan Institute of Wine Biotechnology, University of Stellenbosch
10:55	Questions & engagement	Debora Patta
11:10	<b>Genetic Improvement of Grapevine: Why?</b>	Prof Melané Vivier, Institute of Wine Biotechnology, University of Stellenbosch
11:25	Questions & engagement	Debora Patta
11:40	<b>GM Yeast in the wine industry - threat or opportunity?</b>	Prof Florian Bauer, University of Stellenbosch
11:55	Questions & engagement	Debora Patta

12:10	<b>"Where you sit is where you stand." The case of GM Grapes and Wine in SA</b>	Leslie Liddell, Director, Biowatch South Africa
12:25	Questions	Debora Patta
12:40	<b>Benefits &amp; risks of GMOs: a summary</b>	Helen Malherbe Public Understanding of Biotechnology
13:00	Lunch	
13:30	Introduction to <b>debate</b> and debate participants	Debora Patta
15:20	Closing remarks	Helen Malherbe, Manager: PUB Programme, SAASTA
15:30	Wine tasting	All
15:30 – 16:30	Media interviews with speakers	All speakers & Media

*Please note that the Independent Facilitator will introduce each of the speakers.*