



# **Overview of Citrus Grower Development Chamber**



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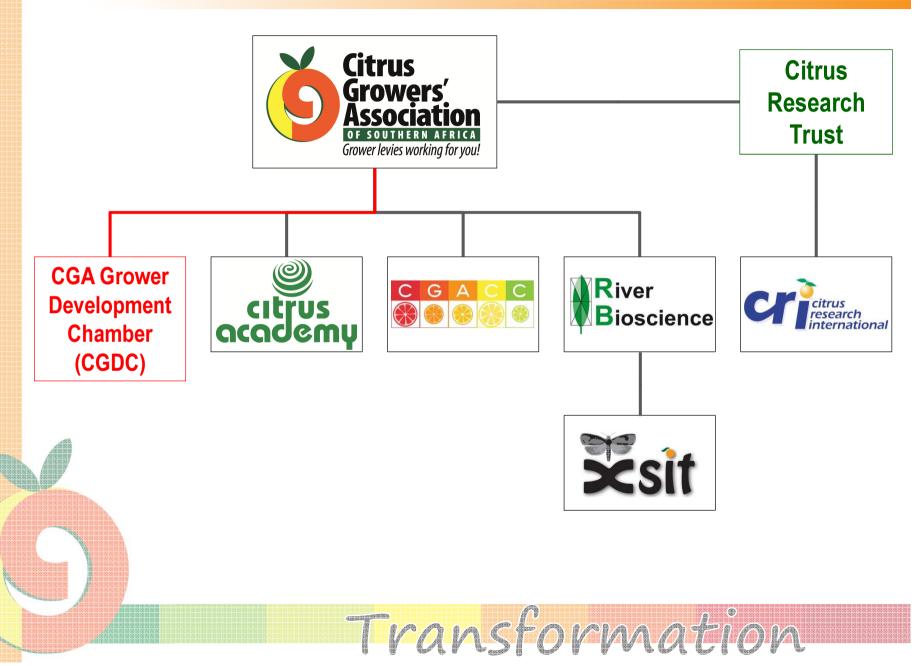
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## **Background Information**

- ➤ The Chamber resulted from the outcomes of the CGA Transformation Workshop held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2008 at the Willow Park Conference Centre in Johannesburg
- > The following were the five outcomes:
  - Make existing black farmers more successful
  - > Strengthen enterprise development
  - Establish a representative structure for new farmers
  - Retain and adapt skills development
  - Protect research structure and capacity

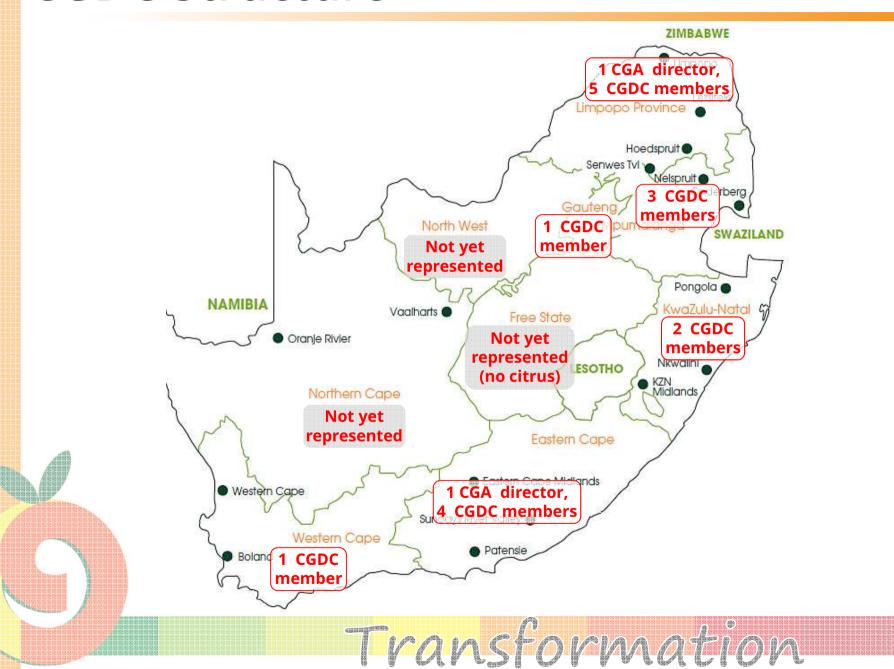
## **Group Structure**



### The Chamber

- ➤ Is a body that would provide guidance to the CGA board on transformation issues
- Empowered to make decisions on issues directly relating to transformation
- Decisions to fall in line with a budget and strategic plan approved by the CGA Board
- ➤ Is an advisory arm of CGA board with decisionmaking powers relating to transformation
- Is a vehicle through which emerging growers could address their concerns and have issues addressed

### **CGDC Structure**



## **CGDC Operating Guidelines**

- ➤ The CGDC (20 members) currently meets twice per year
- > The Executive (8 members) meets quarterly
- ➤ The CGDC members serve a 5 year term of office with a maximum of 2 terms
- ➤ The executive serve a 3 year term of office with a maximum of 2 terms
- Employees have permanent seats on theCGDC executive but do not have voting rights

# Rules of Engagement between CGA Board and the Chamber

- ➤ There should be a standing agenda item on the CGA board for board members to report on the activities of the CGDC
- ➤ The board currently allows 2 seats for CGDC members one from the north and one from the south
- ➤ The CGDC should submit a strategic plan annually which would be aligned to its budget
- Point of contact with government officials and outside agencies is done jointly with officials and chamber members

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## The Situational Analysis

- ➤ The Chamber recommended the undertaking of the situational analysis on 118 developing citrus farms
- There were two main purposes to this assignment:
  - > To acquire and provide detailed information on the current status of the farms and farmer members of the CGDC, and
  - Develop recommendations on the support needs of farmers and the role that CGDC should be playing within that.

## The Situational Analysis

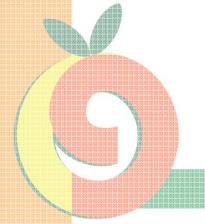
#### The assessment focused on:

- Institutional organisation and governance
- > Financial management structure and systems
- Current business plan
- Production management structure and system
- Available resources and infrastructure
- Skills development requirements
- Value chain status
- Production status
- Involvement of the youth, women and people living with disabilities



### Conclusion

The structured, comprehensive and experienced support is vital for the success of emerging / developing farmers and the CGDC was established to provide that.









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