



## **Social audits more and more important**

*The future of farm certification begins.*

***Somerset West / Berlin, February 2017: With a mutual press conference during the Fruit Logistica, SIZA was showcased by their new partner GLOBALG.A.P.***

The conference was focused on “The Future of Farm Certification”. This is an issue of growing international relevance, as can be shown by the rising number of GLOBALG.A.P. members adopting the social audit GRASP. With an increase by 116 %, their worldwide footprint has more than doubled.

Regarding path breaking ways of farm certification, SIZA sets social standards in South Africa and ensure compliance with a range of international trade requirements. “SIZA enables the South African Agriculture sector to become a global leader in sustainable, ethical trade and environment stewardship”, said Anton Rabe, Director of SIZA.

The partnership with GLOBALG.A.P. was a great achievement for the South African initiative, as Rabe explains: “The recognition by GLOBALG.A.P. of SIZA audits as one of the recognized programmes for their compliance requirements, we can reduce duplication for our members. The partnership with GLOBALG.A.P. allow us to display the SIZA audit and required information in the GLOBALG.A.P. database, so that our clients can review the status of all their South African growers via the GGN search and bookmarking in one place.”

### **About SIZA**

SIZA, the Sustainability Initiative of South Africa, is enabling the South African agricultural sector to become a global leader in sustainable, ethical trade and environmental stewardship. It has been harmonizing global ethical trade requirements in a South Africa context since 2008. Furthermore, it improves supply chain sustainability, ensuring compliance and reducing risks, while at the same time supporting and training its members with regard to best practices and continuous improvement. Verification is via 3<sup>rd</sup> party audits. Supply chain visibility is provided via an electronic database which enhance the reputation of suppliers, retailers is protected, and duplication and costs are kept at a minimum.

*Learn more about SIZA at <http://siza.co.za/>*

### **About GLOBALG.A.P.**

GLOBALG.A.P. is a leading global certification program whose mission is to bring farmers and retailers together to produce and market safe food to protect scarce resources and build a sustainable future.

*For more information on GLOBALG.A.P. visit [www.globalgap.org](http://www.globalgap.org).*

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