With the vast majority of the world hungry living in developing countries, local solutions are required to address all the sustainable development goals in order to transform our world and create The Future We Want. Food security and food safety are critical issues internationally, this forum will allow world leaders in this field to engage in high level research conversations enabling South Africa to showcase innovation and indigenous knowledge in this field of research thereby strengthening international collaboration. **Theme: Next Generation Food Safety Technologies addressing Sustainable Development Goals.** The transition in the concept of Food Security from the 1950s to date has been strategic and inclusive towards ensuring sustainable access and availability of safe and nutritious foods. The trend has shifted from self-sufficiency in major staples through access to sufficient food (Food and Agricultural Organization World Food Conference of 1974), to present day concept stating that Food Security is achieved when all people, at all times, have physical, social and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life (FAO World Food Summit, 1996). Food security is pivoted on four major aspects, which are availability, access, stability and utilization.

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