



THE NATIONAL INVESTIGATIVE HEARING INTO THE FOOD SYSTEMS OF SOUTH AFRICA

12 to 20 March 2026

PROGRAMME

DAY 1: THURSDAY, 12 MARCH 2026

ITEM	TIME	INSTITUTION	
1.	07H30 – 08H00	Registration	
2.	08h00 – 08h30	Welcome and Official Opening	Chairperson of the Inquiry: Commissioner S Makoasha
SESSION 1: CONTEXTUAL ADDRESS			
3.	08h30 – 09h30	Opening Remarks: The Roles and Powers of Institutions Supporting Democracy in the Realisation of the Right to Food	Prof Thuli Madonsela
SESSION 2: FORMAL INVESTIGATIVE SEGMENT			
4.	09h30 – 11h00	Statistics SA	
5.	11h00 – 12h00	Socio-Economic Rights Institute (SERI) and Partners	
6.	12h00 - 13h00	National Economic Development and Labour Council (NEDLAC)	
7.	13h00 – 13h30	LUNCH	
8.	13h30 – 14H30	Student Hunger Hearings	
9.	14H30 – 15H30	Food Forward and Legal Resources Centre (LRC)	
10.	15H30 – 16H30	African Farmers Association South Africa (AFASA)	



DAY 2: FRIDAY, 13 MARCH 2026

ITEM	TIME	INSTITUTION
1.	07H30 – 08H00	Registration
2.	08h00 – 09h00	Amandla.Mobi
3.	09h00 – 10h00	SA Faith Communities Environment Institute
4.	10h00 – 11h00	DSTI-NRF
5.	11h00 – 12h00	National Agricultural Marketing Council
6.	12h00 – 13h00	Safura Abdool Karim
7.	13h00 – 13h30	LUNCH
8.	13h30 – 14h30	Competition Commission
9.	14h30 – 15h30	National Consumer Commission
10.	15h30 – 16h30	Minister of Trade, Industry, and Competition



DAY 3: MONDAY, 16 MARCH 2026

ITEM	TIME	INSTITUTION
1.	07H30 – 08H00	Registration
2.	08h00 – 09h00	Animal Law Reform Commission
3.	09h00 – 10h00	Humane World for Animals
4.	10h00 – 11h00	Mr Rodney September
5.	11h00 – 12h00	Mr Sores Forus
6.	12h00 – 13h00	The Green Connection
7.	13h00 – 13h30	LUNCH
8.	13H30 – 14h30	Masifundise and Coastal Links
9.	14h30 – 15h30	South African People’s Tribunal on AgroToxins (SAPTOA)
10.	15h30 – 16h30	African Centre for Bio-Diversity
11.	16h30 – 17h30	Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment



DAY 4: TUESDAY, 17 MARCH 2026

ITEM	TIME	INSTITUTION
1.	07H30 – 08H00	Registration
2.	08h00 – 09h00	Just Transitions in Food Systems
3.	09h00 – 10h00	African Centre for Biodiversity
4.	10h00 – 11h00	Heart and Soil Urban Permaculture
5.	11h00 – 12h00	Association for Rural Advancement (AFRA)
6.	12h00 – 14h00	Minister of Agriculture
7.	14h00 – 14h30	LUNCH
8.	14H30 – 15h30	Young Urban Women Movement
9.	15h30 – 16h30	Priceless SA



DAY 5: WEDNESDAY, 18 MARCH 2026

ITEM	TIME	INSTITUTION
1.	07h30 – 08h00	Registration
2.	08h00 – 09h00	NRF Centre of Excellence
3.	09h00 – 10h00	Maternal Support Grant Advocacy Coalition
4.	10h00 – 11h00	Women on Farms
5.	11h00 – 13h30	Minister of Health
6.	13h30 – 14h00	LUNCH
7.	14H00 – 15h00	Alliance for Rural Democracy (ARD)
8.	15h00 – 16h30	Minister for Rural Development and Land Reform



DAY 6: THURSDAY, 19 MARCH 2026

ITEM	TIME	INSTITUTION
1.	07h30 – 08h00	Registration
2.	08h00 – 09h00	National House of Traditional and Khoi San Leadership
3.	09h00 – 10h00	African Cultural Heritage Trust
4.	10h00 – 11h00	Southern Point Aboriginal
5.	11h00 – 12h00	Congress of Rural Leaders of South Africa (CONTRALESA)
6.	12h00 – 14h00	Minister for Cooperative Government and Traditional Affairs
7.	14h00 – 14h30	LUNCH
8.	14H30 – 15h30	Minister for Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation
9.	15h30 – 16h30	Minister of Water and Sanitation



DAY 7: THURSDAY, 19 MARCH 2026

ITEM	TIME	INSTITUTION	
1.	07H30 – 08H00	Registration	
2.	08h00 – 09h00	Universal Basic Income Coalition	
3.	09h00 – 10h00	SHEF'S -SA	
4.	10h00 – 11h00	Section 27	
5.	11h00 – 13h00	Minister for Social Development	
6.	13h00 – 13h30	LUNCH	
7.	13H30 – 14h30	Children's Institute	
8.	14h30 – 16h00	Minister of Basic Education	
9.	16h00 – 16h30	Closure of Inquiry and Way Forward	Chairperson of the Inquiry: Commissioner S Makoasha