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26–28 May 2025

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DAY 1: MONDAY, 26 MAY 2025	
TIME	ACTIVITY
07:30–08:30	Arrival ----- Registration ----- Refreshments Delegates to be seated by 08:30
08:30–09:30	OPENING SESSION Opening remarks: MACS Chairperson, South Africa Welcome Remarks: Cllr Mamedupi Teffo, Mayor, Capricorn District Municipality Message of Support: Ms Nakedi Grace Sibanda-Kekana, MEC Limpopo Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Message of Support: Dr Phophi Constance Ramathuba, Premier Limpopo Province Key Address: Ms Nokuzola Capa, Deputy Minister of Agriculture
09:30–10:00	Adoption of agenda: MACS Chairperson, South Africa Statements by G20 Troika members: Brazil and USA
10:00–10:45	Group photo and Tea Break
10:45–12:45	TECHNICAL SESSION 1 Theme: Transformation of Agrifood Systems
12:45–13:45	Lunch break
13:45–15:45	TECHNICAL SESSION 2 Theme: Stewardship of Biodiversity, Genetic and Natural Resources Theme: Soil Health and Soil Management
15:45–16:00	Tea break
16:00–18:00	TECHNICAL SESSION 3 Theme: Reinforcing Climate Smart Agriculture: Resilience, Mitigation and Early-Warning Systems
18:00–18:15	Chairperson's wrap up of Day 1
18:30–21:00	GALA DINNER

DAY 2: TUESDAY, 27 MAY 2025	
TIME	ACTIVITY
07:30–08:00	Arrival ----- Refreshments
08:00–08:30	Chairperson's remarks and recap of Day 1
08:30–10:30	TECHNICAL SESSION 4 Theme: Building Resilient Agricultural Bio-economies in Africa Theme: Digital Agriculture and the Adoption of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR) Technology
10:30–11:00	Tea break
11:00–13:00	Presentation and discussion of the communiqué
13:00–14:00	Lunch break
14:00–16:00	Interventions into the communiqué
16:00–16:15	Tea break
16:15–17:15	Scientific demonstration at the exhibition site
17:15–17:45	Chairperson's wrap up of Day 2

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, 28 MAY 2025	
TIME	ACTIVITY
07:30–08:00	Arrival ----- Refreshments
08:00–09:45	Adoption of the communiqué
09:45–10:15	Hand over to the next Presidency Chairperson's closing remarks
10:15–10:30	Tea break
10:30–17:00	Site visits