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**Cotton Value Chain:
“Local Innovations for Global Prosperity”**



Dr Annette Bennett

Dr Annette Bennett completed her PhD on insects on bollworm-resistant cotton and associated host plants and has worked extensively in the field of applied agriculture. She has consulted for Agri-biotech Research Consultancies on row crops and vegetables, handled more than 70 initiatives as a Project Manager, sourced funding for research initiatives, and handled the registration of chemicals on cotton and other field crops.

Dr Bennett as the CEO of Cotton SA, a non-profit company and the only cotton-industry-related representative body in South Africa. She has a keen interest in training and development — especially those designed to drive production — and has also played a primary role in obtaining accreditation for Cotton SA as an AgriSETA training facility. Dr Bennett participated in the writing of the unit standards for plant production and biotechnology, as well as learning material for the Organic Exchange on Cotton. As CEO of Cotton SA, her priority is to investigate access to alternative technologies and germplasm to initiate a breeding programme to unlock the potential for dryland production.