

FJ OOSTHUIZEN: CURRICULUM VITAE (CV)

EXPERIENCE

After completing his school career, Franco went on to North-West University (Potchefstroom, South Africa), to enrol for a BCom Agricultural Economics with Risk Management degree, which he successfully completed in 2020. Selected for further academic studies, he went on to obtain his honours degree in BCom Agricultural Economics in 2021.

During his 4-year career at University, Franco attended Caput Men's Residence, participating in various arts and sports activities. He served on Caput's house committee in 2020 as well as on the Registration and Orientation Committee of the North-West University in 2021.

Following his studies, he obtained practical farming experience in the grain industry in South Africa, mentored by two notable grain farms. He proceeded to work from 2022 to 2024 as a foreign agricultural worker in Montana, United States of America, to gain international agricultural experience, learning different farming practices and to broaden his horizon.

In January 2024, Franco joined OABS as a Junior Agricultural Economist and Researcher. During his time at OABS, he contributed to a range of projects, including due diligence studies in both South Africa and Botswana, the development of business plans, feasibility studies, and research assignments. In 2024 and 2025, Franco assisted Hortgro with the administration and implementation of several projects under the 50 Commercial Farmers and CASP Fruit Transformation initiative.

1. **Proposed Position:** Junior Agricultural Economist and Researcher

2. **Name of Firm:** OABS Development Pty (Ltd)

3. **Name of Staff:** Francois Jacobus Oosthuizen

4. **Date of Birth:** 7 July 1999 **Nationality:** South African

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6. Education:

Institution	Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained	Date obtained
North-West University	BCom (Agricultural Economics with Risk Management)	2020
North-West University	BCom Hons (Agricultural Economics)	2021

7. Other Training and international experience:

Worked as a general laborer for a pulse crop processing plant (Stricks Ag LLC) based in Chester, Montana, USA.
15 May 2022 – 31 October 2022.

Worked as a farm hand / agricultural equipment operator on a farm (KWheat Farms) in Chester, Montana, USA.
10 March 2023 – 31 October 2023.

8. Part time work:

Did holiday work as a student at OABS from 2020 – 2021.

9. Countries of Work Experience:

South Africa, United States of America

10. Languages: (1 - excellent; 5 - basic)

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
English	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Afrikaans	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent

11. Employment Record:

Period	Employer	Positions held
2024 - current	OABS Development Pty (Ltd)	Junior Agricultural Economist and Researcher
2023	KWheat Farm	Farm Hand / Agriculture Equipment Operator
2022	Stricks Ag LLC	General processing plant laborer

12. Previous related experience:

Duration	Assignment name/& brief description of main deliverables/outputs	Name of Client & Country of Assignment	Contactable reference	Approx. Contract value (in ZAR equivalent)	Role on the Assignment
2025 - Current	DEVELOPMENT OF A BUSINESS PLAN Development of a business plan for a poultry, livestock, olives, pecan nuts, almonds, and prunes farm in the Langkloof.	Hortgro South African	Ullrich Arends (Hortgro) Cell: +27 76 829 9063 Email: ullrich@hortgro.co.za		Agricultural Economist
2024 – Current	PROJECT COORDINATION IN THE TRANSFORMATION DEPARTMENT - HORTGRO Administration of 50 Commercial Farmers & CASP Fruit transformation projects.	Hortgro South Africa	Ullrich Arends (Hortgro) Cell: +27 76 829 9063 Email: ullrich@hortgro.co.za		Project coordinator
2025	Fire damage technical & financial impact report Compiled a technical and financial impact report to assess the damage caused by a fire in an apple orchard located in the Free State, South Africa.	Dihlabeng local municipality/ Osho Agri Investments South Africa	Dr Daan Louw (OABS) Cell: +27 82 857 3458 Email: daan@oabs.co.za		Researcher
2024	DUE DILIGENCE STUDY – SELECTED CITRUS FARM AND PACKING FACILITY IN BOTSWANA Commercial & Technical Due Diligence study to identify potential risks as well as opportunities for the financier.	International Investor (Confidential) Botswana	Hamman Oosthuizen (OABS) Cell: +27 82 367 8192 Email: hamman@oabs.co.za		Researcher

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2024	DEVELOPMENT OF A BUSINESS PLAN + FEASIBILITY STUDY Development of a business plan + feasibility study for a blueberry farm.	Franklyn Farms South Africa	Hamman Oosthuizen (OABS) Cell: +27 82 367 8192 Email: hamman@oabs.co.za		Researcher
2023 - Current	REGIONAL AGRI DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND PROJECT PIPELINE Organising the effort and resource allocation, Status Report on district Level Agricultural Value Chains & Drivers, Stakeholders Workshops, Project opportunity scan, Agricultural Development Support Analysis, Anecdotal irrigation water analysis and Development of Implementable Program plans.	Kumba Iron Ore and Anglo-American Group Holdings South Africa	Leona Archary (AGDA) – CEO Agricultural Development Agency Email: leona@agda.co.za Hamman Oosthuizen (OABS) Cell: +27 82 367 8192 Email: hamman@oabs.co.za	R 1 766 995	Researcher
2024	CANNING FRUIT PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION ENTERPRISE BUDGET Annual budget update for the Canning Producer Association.	Canning Fruit Producers Association South Africa	Jacques Jordaan (Canning Fruit Producers Association) Email: jacques@cfpa.co.za		Agricultural Economist
2024	DUE DILIGENCE STUDY – SELECTED CITRUS FARMS AND PACKING FACILITIES IN THE SUNDAY'S RIVER VALLEY Technical Due Diligence to identify potential risks as well as opportunities for the financier.	International Investor (Confidential) South Africa	Hamman Oosthuizen (OABS) Cell: +27 82 367 8192 Email: hamman@oabs.co.za		Researcher

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2024	<p>THE MAPPING OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY PRODUCTION AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE WESTERN CAPE PROVINCE</p> <p>OABS deliverables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strategic Agricultural analysis & Business Reporting as per WCDoA management's strategic requirements and aligned with WCDoA's Strategic Plan. - Analysis of changed trajectories evidenced between 2013 and 2022 which will provide strategic information as to where and what changes are happening and the responses / interventions that need to be facilitated by WCDoA management and their respective teams. - Utilisation of intelligence gathered and reported by SiQ per local municipality pertaining to any changing land use trends, new commodities and any production issues influencing agricultural land use and infrastructure, inclusive of crop or livestock production. - The strategic analysis and interpretation must contribute to a detailed Agricultural Business Development Plan that will describe the current agriculture businesses and processes of the area, compliance issues, risk and opportunity, as well as economic contributions against the 	<p>SPATIALINTELLIGENCE (PTY) LTD</p> <p>For the Western Cape Department of Agriculture (WCDoA)</p> <p>South Africa</p>	<p>Eugene du Preez T: +27 (0) 12 807 9460 C: +27 (0) 82 854 3724 Email: Eugene.DuPreez@siq.co.za</p>		Researcher

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	impact on the environment and reference to sustainability.				
2024	TECHNICAL DUE DILIGENCE ON MEGA CITRUS FARMS AND PACKHOUSE – MOROCCO Technical Due Diligence to identify potential risks as well as opportunities for the financier.	International Investor (Confidential) Morocco	Hamman Oosthuizen (OABS) Email: hamman@oabs.co.za Hoppie Nel Email: nelhoppie@gmail.com		Researcher
2023 - 2024	A DIAGNOSTIC AND DESIGN EVALUATION OF THE SERVICE NEEDS OF DIFFERENT FARMER CATEGORIES The purpose of this diagnostic and design evaluation is to provide the scientific foundation for determining the service needs of farmer categories in the Western Cape Province, i.e. support requirements in terms of on and off farm infrastructure as well as economic, financial, marketing, agri-business, extension, research, training, and animal health services.	Department of Agriculture - Western Cape South Africa	Dr Daan Louw (OABS) Cell: +27 82 857 3458 Email: daan@oabs.co.za		Researcher

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2021	TECHNICAL DUE DILIGENCE – LARGE-SCALE CITRUS FARMING OPERATION Technical Due Diligence for probably the biggest primary agricultural transaction ever in South Africa. The Due Diligence services were delivered for a multinational company.	AM Fresh & Phatisa South Africa	Mr Enrique Lopez (AM Fresh) Email: Enrique.Lopez@amfresh.co.m Ms Lize Lubbe (Phatisa) Email: lizelubbe@phatisa.com	R395 749	Junior researcher
2021	TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL DUE DILIGENCE STUDY – LARGE SCALE GREENFIELD MACADAMIA PROJECT Technical, legal (limited aspects), and financial due diligence to identify potential risks as well as opportunities for the financier.	Land Bank South Africa	Ms Zanele Mabusela Tel: +27 12 686 0500 Email: zmabusela@landbank.co.za	R289 000	Junior Researcher
2020	TECHNICAL, FINANCIAL AND LEGAL DUE DILIGENCE – TABLE GRAPE FARM IN THE HEX RIVER VALLEY Technical, legal, and financial due diligence to identify potential risks as well as opportunities for the financier.	Hortfin South Africa	Mr Michael Brinkhuys Tel: +27 21 210 2900 Cell: +27 71 689 6833 Email : michael@hortfin.com	R300 000	Junior Researcher

13. Certification:

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes me, my qualifications, and my experience. I understand that any wilful misstatement described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal, if engaged.



Date: May 2025

[Signature of staff member or authorized representative of the staff]

Full name of staff member: Francois Jacobus Oosthuizen