

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## ANDREAS JACOBUS ALBERTS

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**NAME OF FIRM:** OABS Development (Pty) Ltd  
**NAME OF STAFF:** Andreas (Dries) Jacobus Alberts  
**PROFESSION:** Horticulturist  
**DATE OF BIRTH:** 27 December 1946  
**NATIONALITY:** South African



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### QUALIFICATIONS

1968 *Nas. Dip. (Horticulture) from the Tshwane University of Technology.*  
2002 *National Fertilizer Advisor. (BASOS) – Tshwane University of Technology.*  
2004 *SACNASP. Registered scientist. Professional Natural scientist in Agricultural Science. Reg No: 400457/04.*

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### EXPERIENCE

Dries Alberts started his career at the National Department of Agriculture (The then Department of Agricultural Technical Services) from 1966 to 1975 at the Horticultural Research Institute at Roodeplaat, Pretoria, working on deciduous fruit crops, berries and nuts. He also gained experience in the commercial vegetable and floriculture industries.

After leaving the research arena he farmed with subtropical fruit and vegetables for 2 years in Levubu. In 1979 he again joined the Citrus and Subtropical Fruit Research Institute and worked as Officer in Charge of the Levubu Experimental Farm until 1988. The focus was on most subtropical fruits and nuts.

From 1988 until 1990 he worked at the Levubu Cooperative as Farm Extension Officer and thereafter as technical manager for the Redbank Fruit Farms until 1993.

Since 1994 up to date he is still active as a private agricultural consultant specializing in horticultural crops and climatology.

From 1990 until 2010 he was also the technical advisor and agent for Sasol Fertilizer for the Soutpansberg district and thereafter from 2011 until 2015 as the agent for Omnia fertilizer.

Since 2013 he was also working with OABS Development as a senior researcher on horticultural crops and climatology.

Dries Alberts Visited Australia 2003 for second international macadamia symposium. Presented a paper on Area wide Integrated Pest management with special reference to macadamia pests. He also visited Kenya in October 2009, consulting to the Swiss Group regarding avocado and macadamia development and marketing prospects for Specialized Oils, visited Uganda in the same year to Consult to Kifaru Chemicals Ltd.

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regarding joint ventures with avocados for export and processing of avocado oil for Specialized Oils and investigated the possibility of macadamia production. In 1993 he visited Namibia, consulting to Namibia Grape Company regarding joint venture with mango's in Aussenkehr area for Redbank Fruit Farms and again in 1995 to consult to Namfo, regarding subtropical fruit production for Tsumeb area.

Dries Alberts was appointed in 2006 to 2010 as a member of the project reference group of the Water Research Commission on the "Water use of selected fruit tree orchards".

He was also active in teaching various short courses on several subtropical crops, irrigation principles and fertilization principles for farmers, farm workers and students from agricultural colleges. Various lectures on symposia and farmers days. Mentor for students from Lowveld Agricultural College and Madzivhandila Agricultural College. Research projects for SAAGA and the training of Extension officers of DAFF in Macadamia production for SAMAC.

He was also functional in the formation of the South African Macadamia Grower's Association (SAMAC) and served on the first board of directors from 1990 to 1993.

In his career he served on the following committees, study groups and associations:

- Secretary – Soutpansberg Subtropical Fruit committee 1975 - 1984
- Technical committee – South African Avocado Grower's Association. 1975 - 1984
- Technical committee – South African Mango Grower's Association 1988- 1990
- Director – South African Macadamia Grower's Association 1990 -1993
- Nursery committee - South African Macadamia Grower's Association. Since 2003
- Technical Advisor – Banana Board 1975 - 1984
- Technical committee – Litchi Grower's Association 1988- 1990
- Member – Guava committee of Transvaal Agricultural Union. 1988- 1990
- Secretary – Levubu Experiment Farm Committee. 1975 - 1984
- Founder Member – Luvubu Basin Water Management Committee. 2002
- Honorary Member – Green Farms Macadamia Study Group. Since 2002
- Member – SAMAC Macadamia Study Group. Since 1990
- Member – SAMGA Mango Study Group. 1988- 1990
- Founder Member – Levubu Banana Study Group. 1975 – 1984
- On Reference Group. Dept. Water Affairs. Water use of Fruit trees. 2006 - 2010

And was also functional serving the following departments and businesses with technical advice:

- Northern Province Department of Agriculture and Environment – (Mununswu Estates and Barotta Estates)
- Northern Province Department of Education – Business Plans for Techniven, Sibasa and Modjadji Community College, Kgapane.
- Standard Bank – Louis Trichardt

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- ABSA Bank – Louis Trichardt
  - ABSA Bank – Agricultural Branch – Pietersburg.
  - The Landbank – Pietersburg.
  - Dept. Agricultural Economics – Combud.
  - Sapekoe Estates – various projects covering macadamia, coffee, papayas, table grapes, prickly pears, paprika
  - Green Farms Nut Company, Royal Macadamia.
  - Technical advice on various subtropical fruit topics to farmers in Limpopo province
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