



## **DR JOHN L PURCHASE**

John Purchase has been the CEO of the Agricultural Business Chamber (Agbiz) of South Africa since 2007, and continues to serve in this capacity. Previously he was the CEO of Grain South Africa.

Dr Purchase started his professional career as a scientist in South Africa's Agricultural Research Council (ARC), serving in various research and senior managerial positions for 22 years. Dr Purchase was appointed to the Board of the Land & Agricultural Bank of South Africa in July 2012 and served a 3-year term until July 2015. He was also appointed as Council Member to the National Agricultural Marketing Council (NAMC) and served from 2012 to 2017. Dr Purchase serves as a trustee and Chairman of the Maize Trust, and in 2015 Dr Purchase was also appointed as Chairman of the Board of the South African Grain Information Services (SAGIS).

He is the Business Convenor in the Trade and Industry Chamber of NEDLAC, is Deputy Chairman of the Economic Policy Committee of Business Unity South Africa (BUSA), and serves in the Presidential Business Working Group of South Africa. Amongst other awards, he received the 2011 Alumnus of the Year Award from the University of the Free State, as well as the 2012 South African Agriculturalist of the Year Award.

In June 2013 he was elected to the Board of the International Food and Agribusiness Management Association (IFAMA) and still serves in this capacity.