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Agribusiness must consider national interest

Former South African finance minister Pravin Gordhan has suggested that delegates attending the Farmer's Weekly Agribusiness Africa Conference in Johannesburg initiate an agricultural chapter of the CEO Initiative.

The CEO Initiative was implemented shortly after a cabinet shuffle in which then finance minister Nhlanla Nene was replaced by the relatively unknown Des van Rooyen, a former mayor.

During his address at the conference, Gordhan said that although agriculture and the agribusiness industry are important parts of the government's nine-point plan, they are still neglected.

"Progress has been made but there are huge opportunities available to us to create jobs, ensure food security, to be able to export," he said.

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