

## **SAEOPA visits the farm of Ivan Shabangu with UNIDO**

SAEOPA and UNIDO visited the Rose geranium farm of Ivan Shabangu in Bronkhorstspuit.

It is the second visit to the farm and the progress is clearly visible in the healthy plants amidst the season of extremities. The farm is managed by Ivan, his wife Sarah with sons.

UNIDO was represented by Dr Elsie Meintjies and Pri Elmthuruti. Marianna du Plessis the secretary, and Karen Swanepoel as Executive director accompanied them.

The future of Rose geranium is truly rosy, and we are looking forward to this Gauteng production. A Rose geranium development forum has been formed recently and more news on the progress will follow soon.

The distillation unit is currently being constructed to be delivered soon. We will keep you posted with more photos of the harvest and processing. Our best wishes to this hard-working entrepreneur and his family.

