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Agricultural economist and policy expert appointed to UTAS

Dr Rohan Nelson has been appointed Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics and Policy to the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture (TIA), a joint venture between the University of Tasmania and the Tasmanian Government.

His appointment is the result of an ongoing partnership between the University of Tasmania (UTAS) and Australia's national science agency, the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), which brings together their expertise in agricultural innovation.

"Assoc Prof Nelson's appointment will add significantly to our research and teaching capability in agricultural innovation," Professor Paddy Nixon, UTAS' Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) said today.

The Director of TIA, Professor Holger Meinke, added: "Assoc Prof Nelson will also contribute to our flagship MBA in Agricultural Innovation offered jointly by TIA and our Faculty of Business".

Assoc Prof Nelson joins TIA from the Australian Government Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency, where as Director and Economic Adviser he designed options for including agriculture in the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS), methodologies for the Carbon Farming Initiative and new ideas for adaptation policy.

He will also have a busy program of research when he joins TIA in early September.

"Assoc Prof Nelson will work with Tasmania's rural industries and SenseT Director Ros Harvey to explore ways in which the SenseT data sensor network can contribute to the profitability and sustainability of agriculture," Prof Nixon said.

Through the partnership between UTAS and CSIRO, he will share Australian expertise internationally to improve food security and agricultural productivity in Africa and elsewhere around the world.

"CSIRO and UTAS will work together to apply our world-leading agricultural systems research to better manage climate and other risks to agricultural productivity in Australia and regions around the world with similar climates," said the Deputy-Director of CSIRO's Sustainable Agriculture flagship, Dr Peter Carberry.

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