### Agro-ecological benefits



Builds healthy soils



No-to-low pesticide use



Suppresses weeds



**Expands** biodiversity



Multi-purpose crop



Increases yields

#### **Environmental benefits**

Hemp is considered a sustainable fibre crop because it requires fewer inputs to cultivate in comparison to other fibre crops.





Carbon sequestration (an estimated 12-22 tonnes of CO2 per hectare)







## SUSTAINABLE GEALS DEVELOPMENT GEALS

Hemp's multiple applications and farming methods contribute to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

#### Yield potential

Industrial hemp farming offers higher yields per hectare compared to traditional crops like wheat.



#### 120-150 days

average growth cycle

(depending on environment, light cycles and farming intention)

## Hemp stalk and seed



Biomass: 10-15 tons/ha Seeds: +/-5 tons/ha

+/- R80,000 revenue

#### **CBD** oil



15kg/ha

+/- R150,000 revenue

## By comparison: wheat



5 tons/ha

+/- R19,000 revenue

# Ideal agro-climatic conditions required for industrial hemp cultivation



Temperate climate: 15-27 degrees Celsius



Rainfall: 400-750mm rainfall (can be dryland or rain-fed)



Soil: Sandy, loamy soil high in organic matter (ph 5 -6.5)