

BIODIVERSITY ECONOMY & INVESTMENT

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Programme

DATE: 25 - 27 MARCH 2024 | VENUE: BIRCHWOOD HOTEL, BOKSBURG



REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



DAY 1 | MONDAY, 25 MARCH 2024

Time	Item	Speaker
SESSION 1: PLENARY 1 OFFICIAL OPENING		
FACILITATOR: MS NOMFUNDO TSHABALALA, DIRECTOR-GENERAL (DG) – DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT (DFFE)		
08h00-09h00	Arrivals and registrations	All
08h55-09h00	Singing of the National Anthem	All
09h00-09h10	Welcoming remarks	Ms Mbali Hlophe: Gauteng Member of Executive Council, Department Agriculture and Rural Development and the Environment
09h10-09h25	Keynote address	Minister Barbara Creecy: Department Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment
09h25-09h30	Official opening of the exhibition	Minister Barbara Creecy: Department Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment
SESSION 2 PLENARY 2 – BIODIVERSITY ECONOMY – A CATALYST FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT		
FACILITATOR: PROFESSOR NESAMVUNI – SANBI BOARD CHAIRPERSON		
09h30 – 10h30	Theme: Advancing the biodiversity economy as a contributor to rural economic development and livelihoods.	<p>Minister Thoko Didiza: Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD)</p> <p>International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN): Mr Vhalinavho Khavhagali</p> <p>People and Parks: Mr Japhta Raphadu</p> <p>MEC Rogers Monama, Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET)</p> <p>Greater Kruger Environmental Protection Foundation (GKEPF): Ms Sharon Haussmann</p> <p>Traditional Healers Organisation – THO Ms. Masechaba Sedibana</p>

10h30-11h00| TEA BREAK

SESSION 3 PLENARY 3– FINANCING BIODIVERSITY TO CLOSE THE FINANCIAL GAP

FACILITATOR: MR SHONISANI MUNHZEDZI, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO) – SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY INSITUTE (SANBI)

<p>11h00 – 12h00</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural capital accounts and how they can be accounted for as part of the biodiversity economy in the Gross Domestic Product of the country. • Making nature count through natural capital accounting • Outlines the value of ecosystem services to South Africa’s economy. 	<p>Statistician General: Mr Risenga Maluleke South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI): Dr Theresa Frantz African Leadership University (ALU): Dr Sue Snyman Minister Senzo Mchunu: Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS)</p>
<p>12h00 – 13h00</p>	<p>Panel discussion: Financial support to sustain conservation and grow the Biodiversity Economy</p>	<p>Sustainable Finance Coalition: Ms Candice Stevens United Nations Development Programme (UNDP): Mr Maxwell Gomera, UNDP Resident Representative Peace Parks Foundation: Mr Colin Porteous Custodians of Professional Hunting and Conservation South Africa (CPHC): Ms Adri Kitshoff-Botha Conservation Strategy Fund: Mr Mark Gerrard National Empowerment Fund: Mr Lebohang Phasha Congress of Traditional Leaders of South Africa (CONTRALESA): Mr Zolani Mkiva</p>

13h00-14h00 | LUNCH

SESSION 4 PLENARY 4 - LEVERAGING BIODIVERSITY-BASED FEATURES TO SCALE INCLUSIVE ECOTOURISM INDUSTRY GROWTH IN SEASCAPES AND IN SUSTAINABLE CONSERVATION LAND-USE.

FACILITATOR: MR SIBUSISO BUKHOSINI – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO) ISIMANGALISO WETLAND PARK

<p>14H00-16h00</p>	<p>What is required to establish mega living conservation landscapes through voluntary involvement of suitable state, private and Community areas?</p>	<p>Minister Blade Nzimande: Department of Science, Innovation and Higher Education (DSI and HE) Nature Speaks and Heals- Gogo Nomsa Sibeko Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT) – Ms Yolana Friedman WildTrust- Dr Jean Harris Board Chair iSimangaliso Wetland Park: Inkosi Tembe World Wildlife Fund-South Africa (WWF-SA): Dr Morne du Plessis Fish South Africa: Mr Loyiso Phantshwa Babanango Game Reserve: Mr Eric Buthelezi</p>
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16h00-16h20 | TEA BREAK

SESSION 4 PARALLEL SESSION – RESTRICTED TO PROJECT OWNERS AND INVESTORS

MAIN FACILITATOR: MS HAPILOE SELLO, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO) SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL PARKS (SANParks)

<p>14h00-16h00</p>	<p>Biodiversity Investment Business-to-Business (B2B) session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment pitches and bidding in one room for Biodiversity Sub-sectors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The facilitator invites Investees to meet Investors in 4 separate rooms Each investee has 3 minutes to pitch for their projects and investors will respond to the pitch.
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PRESIDENTIAL SESSION -BIODIVERSITY ECONOMY & INVESTMENT INDABA

DAY 2 | TUESDAY, 26 MARCH 2024 | FACILITATOR: MINISTER CREECY

Time	Item	Speaker/Facilitator
10H00- 12H00		
10h10 – 10h15	Singing of the National Anthem	All
10h15 – 10h30	Welcome remarks	Gauteng Premier, Mr Panyaza Lesufi
10h30– 11h00	Presidential address	His Excellency, President Cyril Matamela Ramaphosa
11h00 - 12h00	Exhibitions walk-about	

LUNCH 12H00-13H00

SESSION 5: BIODIVERSITY ECONOMY COMMISSIONS 14H00-16H00

Purpose: The commissions will discuss how NBES imperatives could be achieved within the four goals of the white paper relevant to the wildlife, bioprospecting/biotrade, ecotourism, forestry, marine and freshwater, and biodiversity-based harvesting and production
Session facilitators: head of departments (HODs) and chief executive officers (CEOs)

BREAKAWAY 1: Wildlife

Convenor: Mr Khorommbi Matibe
Supported by Ms Lactitia Tshitwamulomoni

<p>Objectives: To facilitate technical discussions towards development of an inclusive programme of action or roadmap for the implementation of Goal 2 :</p>	<p>Facilitator: Ms Mickey Mama, Eastern Cape Head of Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism</p>	<p>The session will have two sets of panel discussions. Ice-breaker Dr Sue Snyman: African Leadership University</p>
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<p>Consumptive use of wildlife from extensive wildlife systems at a scale that drives transformation and expanded sustainable conservation land use</p> <p>Excepted Outcomes: To discuss how to increase the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of consumptive use of game from extensive wildlife systems from R4.6 billion (2020) to R27.6 billion by 2036.</p>	<p>Supported by: Dr Sam Ferreira, SANParks and Dr Herbet Ntuli, University of Pretoria</p> <p>Scribers: Ms Tseleng Mabunda, Mr Mpho Tjiane, Mr Thomas Mbedzi (DFFE), Dr Ernest Daemane (SANParks)</p> <p>Supporting departments: Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD); Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (DTIC); Department of Small, Business Development (DSBD)</p>	<p>Panel 1: Chief Livhuwani Matsila: Board Member of SANParks.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr Pieter Swart: Chairperson of Sustainable Use Coalition of Southern Africa 2. Dr Francis Vorhies - Stellenbosch University 3. Dr Herbet Ntuli- University of Pretoria 4. Mr Simon Mafela – Tshivhula Game Reserve 5. Mr Cerin Maduray – World Wildlife Fund-South Africa (WWF-SA) <p>Panel 2:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. Dr Wiseman Ndlovu - Stellenbosch University 7. Mr Mzwanele Memani – Department of Small, Business Development (DSBD) 8. Mr Jonathan Denga – North-West Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism (DEDECT) 9. Mr Ngcali Nomtshongwana – South Africa National Parks 10. Ms Nomathemba Langa – Zdvedza Game Farm
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BREAKAWAY 2: Bioprospecting/Biotrade
Convenor: Ms Skumsa Ntshanga
Supported by Ms Natalie Feltman

<p>Objectives: To facilitate technical discussions towards development of an inclusive</p>	<p>Facilitator 1: Mr Cyril Lombard: Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)</p>	<p>The session will take the format of a World Café where there will have five tables each focusing on challenges and opportunities faced by the Sector in General under the headings of the Cluster:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Innovation Cluster
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programme of action or roadmap for the implementation of Goal 4:

A well-structured, inclusive, integrated and formalised bioprospecting, biotrade, and biodiversity-based harvesting and production sector that beneficiates communities

Excepted Outcomes: To discuss how to increase the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) contribution of the bioprospecting/biotrade from R1,85 billion (2020) to R11,6 billion by 2036 through local beneficiation (finished products, e.g., pharmaceutical, cosmetics and food supplements).

Facilitator 2: Dr. Sechaba Bareetseng:

Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)

Facilitator 3: Ms Sinah Mosehla:

Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (DTIC)

Facilitator 4: Ms Tembisa Jordaan:

Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife

Facilitator 5: Ms Natalie Feltman: DFFE

Scriber: Barney Kgope (DFFE) Ntambu Nempfumembe, Mukondi Matshusa; Katedi Mantsho; Mukonazwothe Netshiluvhi; Thembisile Zimu; Viwe Mqulo; Thatego Monareng

Supporting departments: Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD); Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (DTIC); Department of Small, Business Development (DSBD); Department of Science, Innovation and Higher Education (DSI and HE)

2. Sustainable Supply Cluster
3. Finance Cluster
4. Policy and Legislation Cluster and
5. Market Access Cluster

BREAKAWAY 3: Ecotourism

Convenor: Mr Sydney Nkosi

Supported by: Dr Tshifhiwa Ramatshimbila

<p>Objectives: To facilitate technical discussions towards development of an inclusive programme of action or roadmap for the implementation of Goal 1:</p> <p>Leveraging of biodiversity-based features to scale inclusive ecotourism growth and sustainable conservation land use</p> <p>Excepted Outcomes: To discuss how to leverage biodiversity-based features to scale inclusive ecotourism industry growth in seascapes and in sustainable conservation land-use.</p>	<p>Facilitator: Ms Hapiloe Sello (CEO SANParks)</p> <p>Scriber: Amanda Dana-Mfikili and Sibongile Mampe and Fhatuwani Nevondo (DFFE), Mpumalanga/ Western Cape / iSimangaliso Management Authorities</p> <p>Supporting departments: Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (DTIC); Department of Small, Business Development (DSBD), Department of Tourism (DoT), Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD)</p>	<p>Inputs by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr Mduduzi Vilakazi (Chief Executive Officer Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA)) 2. Ms. Masechaba Sedibana: Traditional Health Practitioner Representative 3. Kgosigadi Kereeditse Lillian Gopane: Batshweneng Community Property Association (CPA) 4. Ms Matilda Skosana: DFFE-Branch Environmental Programme (EP) 5. Ms Kristal Maze: SANParks 6. Mr Kenny Hlela: Department of Tourism 7. Makuleke Community Representative 8. Mr Vuyani Dayimani (Chief Executive Officer: Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency (ECPTA))
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BREAKAWAY 4: Aquaculture and Fisheries (Inland and Marine)
Convenor: Dr Charlene Da Silva /Ms Lisa Mazaleni
Supported by: Mr Stanley Tshitwamulomoni

<p>Objectives: To facilitate technical discussions towards development of an inclusive programme of action or roadmap for the implementation of</p> <p>Goal 3: Consumptive use of marine and freshwater resources that drive inclusive coastal socio-economic development</p>	<p>Facilitator: Ms Khumo Morake-Makhalemele (DFFE)/ Mr Saasa Pheeha (DFFE)</p> <p>Scriber: Stanley Tshitwamulomoni/ Jacky Jay, Mr Sebake (DFFE), Lisa Mazaleni (DFFE)</p> <p>Supporting departments:</p>	<p>Inputs by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr Lance Quiding Integrated Aquaculture, Aquaponics Farmer 2. Mr Luvo Gugwana Green-Arch Innovation, Tilapia Farmer 3. DFFE: Dr Charlene da Silva/ Dr Sven Kerwath 4. DFFE: Ms Bernacia Mullens 5. DFFE: Mr Saasa Pheeha
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<p>Excepted Outcomes: To discuss how to grow sustainable consumptive use of marine, coastal, estuarine and freshwater resources, including through aquaculture, by 10% per annum by 2036.</p>	<p>Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS), Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (DTIC); Department of Small, Business Development (DSBD), Department of Tourism (DoT), Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD)</p>	<p>6. DFFE: Dr Archiebold Hlungwani 7. Water Research Commission (WRC): Dr Roderic Juba</p>
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DAY 3 | WEDNESDAY, 27 MARCH 2024

Time	Item	Speaker
<p>SESSION 6 PLENARY 6 - CLOSING SESSION FACILITATOR: MS NOMFUNDO TSHABALALA: DIRECTOR GENERAL, DFFE</p>		
09h00-09h30	Recap from day 1 and 2	Ms Flora Mokgohloa, Deputy Director General: Biodiversity and Conservation
09h30-10h45	Report back from each commission and discussion	Commissions rapporteurs
<p>10H45-11H00 TEA BREAK</p>		
11h00-12h00	Programme of action	Mr K Matibe, Chief Director: Biodiversity Economy and Sustainable Use, DFFE
12h00-12h10	Closing remarks	Ms Nomfundo Tshabalala Director General
<p>12H10 LUNCH AND DEPARTURE</p>		

EVENT OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the event are to:-

1. Enhance the conversation on the National Biodiversity Economy Strategy and its contribution to addressing poverty, unemployment and inequality;
2. Mobilise investment for the biodiversity sector and associated value-chains;
3. Profile South Africa's competitiveness, success and opportunities for sustainable development in the Biodiversity sector;
4. Promote multi-stakeholder commitment to strengthen the biodiversity economy sector
5. Promote co-operative governance for effective policy implementation; and
6. Showcase market ready biodiversity products and services from across the biodiversity economy value chains through exhibitions for business-to-business trading, networking and sustainable partnerships.



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