

BIODIVERSITY OFFSET CONFERENCE

PROGRAMME

Date: 22 & 23 MAY 2025

VENUE: DEVELOPMENT BANK OF SOUTHERN AFRICA (DBSA) MIDRAND, GAUTENG PROVINCE

PROGRAMME DIRECTOR: MS FLORA MOKGOHLOA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL BIODIVERSITY AND CONSERVATION, DFFE

DAY 1

Time	Activity	Speakers
09:00 – 10:00	Registration and refreshments	
10:00 - 10:30	Welcome and Opening Address	Ms Nomfundo Tshabalala Director General DFFE
10:30-10:35	Logistics announcements	DBSA
10:35 -11:20	Launch event	Mr Maxwell Gomera UNDP Resident Representative Ms Nomfundo Tshabalala Director General DFFE Mr Shonisani Munzhedzi, SANBI CEO Ms Hapiloe Sello, SANParks CEO
11:20 – 11:35	PHOTO SESSION (VIP Delegates) TEA/COFFEE BREAK	
11:30 – 12:00	Panel Discussion: Leveraging Biodiversity Finance: The Role of Biodiversity Markets in Achieving Conservation Outcomes	Facilitator: Ms Deshni Pillay UNDP Mr Shonisani Munzhedzi SANBI CEO Ms Hapiloe Sello SANParks CEO Mr Maxwell Gomera UNDP Resident Representative



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		Mr Sibusiso Bukhosini iSimangaliso CEO (TBC)
12:00 – 12:30	Presentations - Biodiversity Offset Guidelines and Policies: Global, National, Provincial, Municipal	Facilitator: Dr Sabelo Malaza Ms Amrei von Hase Wildlife Conservation Society Ms Pamela Kershaw, DFFE Mr Ian Felton, EDTEA KZN Mr Greg Mullins eThekwini Municipality
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 14:00	Panel Discussion - Biodiversity Offsets in South Africa: History, Successes, and Obstacles, Perspectives from Policy, Practice, and Implementation.	Facilitator: Ms Monique Sham SANParks Dr Sabelo Malaza DFFE Integrated Environmental Management Ms Marlene Laros DEADP Western Cape Mr Greg Mullins eThekwini Municipality Ms Amrei Von Hase Wildlife Conservation Society Mr Warrick Davies-Mostert Anglo American Mr Wes Black The Biodiversity Company



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14:30 – 16:30	Case Studies - Biodiversity Offsets: Successes, Failures, and Lessons for the Future	Facilitator: Mr Mthobisi Nzimande SANBI Mr Ian Felton EDTEA KZN Ms Frances Balayer DEA&DP Western Cape Mr Greg Mullins eThekweni Municipality Mr Mark Botha Conservation Strategy, Tactics and Insights
16:00 – 16:30	TEA/COFFEE BREAK	
16:30 – 17:30	Case Studies – - Biodiversity Offsets: Successes, Failures, and Lessons for the Future – continues	Ms Greer Hawley BT BIO Mr Doug McFarlane Eco-Pulse Ms Lynette Munro Conservation Partnership Facilitation Mr Richard Summers Richard Summers Inc.
17:30	Close	

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08:00 - 08:15	REGISTRATION TEA/COFFEE ON ARRIVAL	
08:15 - 09:30	Panel Discussion – a Reflections on the Case Studies and improved implementation	Ms Mare-Liez Oosthuizen DEA&DP Western Cape Mr Cliff Dorse City of Cape Town Mr Mark Botha Conservation Tactics and Insights Ms Justine Wyngaardt Juwi Wind Energies
09:30 - 10:00	South Africa's G20 Presidency	Stuart Mangold DFFE
10:00 – 11:15	Enabling Implementation: Proactive Offset Scheme and the National Biodiversity Offsets Register and Web Portal	Mr Marthan Theart SANParks Mr Ntando Mkhize and Ms Norma Malatji SANBI
11:15 - 11:30	TEA/COFFEE BREAK	
11:30 - 13:30	Enabling Implementation: Realities for Biodiversity Offsets from Design to Delivery	Facilitator: Mr Mthobisi Nzimande SANBI
13:30 - 14:00	Reflections on key outcomes and recommendations from the National Biodiversity Offsets Conference 2025	
14:00	CLOSING LUNCH AND DEPARTURE	



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