

**VENUE
DATE**

Accolades Boutique Venue, 72 Dale Road, Midrand, Gauteng Province
20 - 22 September 2016

PROGRAMME AND ABRIEDGED INFORMATION NOTES FOR PARTICIPANTS

The conference will be held in Accolades Boutique Venue which is located in Midrand, between Johannesburg and Pretoria. It is about a km from Midrand, Gautrain Station.

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AIM OF THE CONFERENCE

The 7th People and Parks conference aims to bring together communities and representatives of key constituencies engaged in protected areas management to reflect on progress, share experiences and build on and develop the future of the People and Parks programme and chart the way forward.

THEME

The theme of the 7th People and Parks conference has been identified as: ***“Unlocking the economic potential of Protected Areas”***

OBJECTIVES

1. Reflect on progress, challenges and successes of the programme.
2. Endorse the Youth Conservation Programme.
3. Consolidate community inputs into CITES COP 17.
4. Develop a road-map to fast-track settlement of land claims.
5. Reflect on measures to support communities in combating poaching of fauna and flora.
6. Optimise opportunities in the biodiversity economy sector.

ARRIVAL BY DELEGATES

Community representatives are expected to arrive on Monday, 19 September 2016. There will be a community gathering on the afternoon of 19 September 2016 from 13h00 to discuss community related issues and also to prepare a presentation to be made in the main plenary on the community perspective in the implementation of the programme since 2014 conference

REGISTRATION

On-line registration had been set up for delegates to register well before arrival. However, on arrival, delegates will proceed to the registration desk for the confirmation and the collection of the conference materials and information packs.

EXHIBITION

Exhibition stands will be available to display documents, brochures, publications and any other information deemed necessary. Unused materials should be removed at the end of the conference. Only those who submitted the exhibition requests will be allowed to exhibit.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

The caterers will make arrangement for halaal and vegetarian diets. Delegates are required to indicate dietary requirements on the on-line registration form.

PROGRAMME

DAY 1 - TUESDAY, 20 September 2016 (Official conference opening)	
SESSION 1 (Plenary) (TEA on Arrival)	
	Programme Director: Ms Nosipho Ngcaba, Director-General: Department of Environmental Affairs
10:30 – 10:35	SINGING OF THE AFRICAN UNION AND SOUTH AFRICAN ANTHEMS
10:35 – 10:45	Welcoming of delegates to Gauteng Province: Member of Executive Council: Economic, Environment, Agriculture and Rural Development Mr. Lebogang Maile
10:45 – 11:00	A Community Perspective on the Progress on the Implementation of People and Parks Programme: Chairperson of the National People & Parks Programme Community Representatives Mr. Laurence Mogakane
11:00 – 11:15	Parliament's Perspective on the Involvement of Communities in Protected Areas Management Chairperson of Portfolio Committee on Environment Mr. Philemon Mapulane
11:15 – 11:30	Opening address by Premier of Gauteng Mr. David Makhura
11:30 – 11:45	Address by Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform Mr. Gugile Nkwinti
11:45 – 11:50	ENTERTAINMENT
11:50 – 12:10	Delivery of a key note address by Minister of Environmental Affairs Mrs. Edna Molewa
12:10 – 13:00	Handover of title deeds and cheques to communities Minister Molewa, Minister Nkwinti and MEC Manketsi Tlhape
13:00 - 13:10	Vote of thanks Deputy Minister Mrs Barbara Thomson
13:10 – 14:00	Lunch Break
SESSION 2 (Plenary): Mr. Shonisani Mundzedzi & Ms. Nomfundo Ntloko-Gobodo	
14:00 – 14:15	Progress on the implementation of People and Parks Programme since the 6 th Conference: Video
14:15 – 14:30	Contribution of Environmental Protection and Infrastructure Programme in People and Parks Programme Chief Director: Department of Environmental Affairs Mr. Luvuyo Mlilo
14:30 – 14:45	Presentation on the upcoming CITES COP 17 Mr Vusi Tshabalala Mr Mpho Tjiane



14:45 – 15:00	Tea Break
15:00 – 16:30	Open delegate engagements (Delegates' opportunity to freely voice and discuss pertinent issues) Process facilitated by Content Manager
16:30 – 17:30	Conveners, resource persons and scribes meet for commission planning



9:00 – 13:00

Commission debriefs will be discussed in breakaway rooms. Each commission will have a Convener, Rapporteur and Resource Persons. Commissions should have a balance of the following stakeholders:

- i. Community representatives, including traditional leaders (as assigned)
- ii. Management authorities
- iii. Government departments
- iv. NGOs and academic institutions
- v. Potential funders / Private sector role-players

Youth

**Commission Discussions Begin in Breakaway Rooms
(each speaker to take only 10 minutes)**

COMMISSION 1:	COMMISSION 2:	COMMISSION 3:	COMMISSION 4:
<p>Youth Empowerment Venue: Ivory</p> <p>Presentation:</p> <p>a) Biodiversity Human Capital Development & Groen Sebenza: Ms Vivian Malema</p> <p>b) Youth Conservation Programme: Iman Allie</p> <p>Convener: Ms Maria Moate Mr Vusi Tshabalala</p>	<p>Unlocking economic potential of Marine and Terrestrial Protected Areas Venue: Archers Hall</p> <p>Presentations</p> <p>a) Biodiversity Economy & Rhino Conservation Lab outcomes: Ms Wadzi Mandivenyi. Ngcali Nomtshong wana & Ms Lerato Matlakala</p> <p>b) The role of transactional advisory services: Peter Sotou: Vumelana Trust</p> <p>c) Role of NPOs & government grant in community private partnership: Mayibuye game reserve case study, David Bozas</p> <p>d) Community</p>	<p>Combating poaching of endangered fauna and flora Venue: Chest Nut Hall</p> <p>Presentations</p> <p>a) Integrated strategic approach to poaching: Ms Rose Masela</p> <p>b) Committee of Inquiry report & recommendations: Mr Mpho Tjiane</p> <p>c) Rhino Lab outcomes: Mr Lawrence Mogakane</p> <p>Convener: Mr Paul Bewsher Mr Nicholas Funda</p>	<p>Land Reform and co-management Venue: Amber 1&2</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <p>a) Land claims workshop outcomes: Ms Mmadira Mathete</p> <p>b) KNP & other Beneficiation model a win-win partnership approach: Ms Hilda Mthimunye</p> <p>c) Importance of private sector post the settlement of nature reserves: Mabaleng conservancy approach: Mr Richard / Barry York</p> <p>Convener: Mr Rhirhandzu Shilote, Mr Sizo Sibiya &</p>



Private Public Partnership:
Balepye game farm case study:
Mr Benjamin

Ms Marinda Marais

Convener:
Mr Xola Mkefe
Mr Sunjay Singh
Mr Gcobani Popose

Commission 1: Youth Empowerment

Key issues:

- a) How to involve youth in Conservation
- b) Discussions around careers for youth in the conservation sector
- c) Determining best mechanisms to mobilize youth to participate in biodiversity conservation
- d) Discussing roles that can be played by youth against poaching of fauna and flora etc.
- e) What should be done differently, by whom, when, with what resources

Commission 2: Unlocking economic potential of marine and terrestrial protected areas in the space of People and Parks Programme

Key issues:

- a) Unpacking of Biodiversity Economy LAB outcomes related to Previously Disadvantaged Individuals (PDIs)
- b) Getting communities to understand biodiversity economy and the role they can play to make the concept be realized
- c) Dissolving existing hurdles impeding the realization of the benefits from PAs and conservation space in general
- d) Discussions around partnerships with competent operators to venture into businesses within protected areas.
- e) Distilling approaches and ways of maximizing economic benefits and sharing models amongst stakeholders
- f) Linking profoundly the role marine protected areas can play in the space of biodiversity economy

Commission 3: Combating poaching of endangered fauna and flora (marine species inclusive)

Key issues:

- a) Discussions and compilation of People and Parks CITES COP 17 community voice/message to be delivered to the COP
- b) Advocacy, education and awareness elements around ensuring that poaching is highlighted as bad practices on biodiversity conservation
- c) outcomes of the rhino lab
- d) Discussions around mechanisms to rollout the programme that will be inclusive of communities. Making matters of poaching as community's story and concern etc.
- e) Determining Marine community projects that will also elevate the



	importance of conserving marine ecosystems
	Commission 4: Settlement of PAs Land Claims, conclusion and implementation of co-management agreements (aligning workshop outcomes to the P&P Conference)
	<u>Key issues:</u>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Discussion on the outcome of the land claims and co – management workshop b) Reaffirmation of the implementation of the action plan to expedite the conclusion of protected areas land claims c) Enhancing government partnership working on land claims d) Aligning the DRDLR recap funds to communities’ needs e) Ascertaining settlement models that will respond to current needs etc.
13:00- 14:30	LUNCH BREAK
	SESSION 2:
14:30 – 16:00	Commissions continue to frame the programme of action
16:30 – 17:30	Resource people meet to consolidate daily proceedings and outcomes
18:00-19:00	Strategic team meeting
19:00- 21:00	DELEGATES NETWORKING BRAAI

DAY 3 - THURSDAY, 22 September 2016	
SESSION 1 (Main Plenary)	
	Programme Director: HOD: Gauteng Agriculture and Rural Development Ms Thandeka Mbassa
09:00 – 09:30	Recap of the previous day’s programme: Content Manager
09:30 – 10:00	Sustainable Financing Framework for Protected Areas Management Director: Department of Environmental Affairs Mr Caiphus Khumalo
10:00 – 10:30	Presentation of the “People and Parks Midrand Declaration” Content Manager
10:30 – 11:00	Community message to CITES COP 17 People and Parks National Task Team Secretary Mr Moshakge Molokwane
11:00 – 11:30	Mapping a way forward and adoption of 2016 Programme of Action: Mr. Shonisani Munzhedzi, Ms Gobodo Ntloko-Gobodo & Mr Lawrence Mogakane
11:30 – 12:00	Vote of Thanks Deputy Director General: Biodiversity and Conservation Mr. Shonisani Munzhedzi
12:00 – 14:00	LUNCH AND DEPARTURE





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