



## Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group (ECSWG)



### WEBINAR

# G20 Environment and Climate Sustainability Working Group (ECSWG) & G20 Bioeconomy Initiative

*Biodiversity Economy and Sustainable Use*



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**Webinar title:** From Concept to Implementation: Advancing the Bioeconomy Finance Hub under the G20 Framework  
**Date:** 11 August 2025

### Introduction

Reflecting South Africa's ambition to concretise the G20 High-Level Principles on the Bioeconomy, the Bioeconomy Finance Hub for Africa represents a practical regional approach to operationalising bioeconomy finance at scale. The Hub exemplifies how G20 bioeconomy commitments can be translated into actionable, continent-wide initiatives that mobilize investment and drive sustainable development outcomes.

Headquartered in Africa and launched under South Africa's G20 Presidency Bioeconomy Initiative, the Bioeconomy Finance Hub will unite governments, investors, financial institutions, knowledge partners, and Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) to catalyse finance for a thriving, nature-positive bioeconomy across the continent. Functioning as an independent, pan-African network of stakeholders, the Hub will build upon existing high-impact initiatives, amplify ongoing efforts, align fragmented activities, and bring coherence, ambition, and actionable scale to bioeconomy finance.

The African Natural Capital Alliance (ANCA) and NatureFinance are co-leading the Hub's creation, aiming to harness the leadership, expertise and engagement of national, regional and international stakeholders—including governments, international organizations, multilateral development banks, business, financial institutions, investors, project developers and civil society organizations—to advance an ambitious bioeconomy agenda and mobilise substantial additional finance across the African continent over the next decade.

This transition requires strategic coordination and stakeholder alignment to ensure successful implementation. To facilitate this transition, several key activities are planned for 2025, including high-level webinar and strategic roundtables. This webinar represents a critical step in this process, designed to facilitate information sharing, gather stakeholder feedback on the Hub's design and strategic framework, and explore potential partnership opportunities and alignment with existing G20 and other aligned initiatives.



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### Webinar Purpose and Context

This foundational webinar serves to raise awareness and introduce the Hub's strategic pillars: policy enablement, capacity building, investment pipeline catalysation, and data and metrics. This high-level session will and build stakeholder interest, establish strategic alignment and set the ground for the Hub's operational development.

The webinar represents the critical first step in transitioning the Hub from concept to implementation, providing stakeholders with a comprehensive understanding of the Hub's vision, strategic framework, and operational approach while creating opportunities for immediate engagement and collaboration.

### Strategic Context: Beyond the Webinar

While this webinar is the immediate focus, it establishes the foundation for subsequent implementation activities:

- **Roundtables (September – December 2025)** – These round tables will build on webinar insights to facilitate deeper, sector-specific engagement through collaborative workshops. These sessions will focus on identifying and/or refining and validating high-impact use cases.
- **Roadmap Development** – This will synthesise insights from both the webinar and roundtables into stakeholder-validated action plans that guide the Hub's inaugural programming phases and support fundraising efforts.

### Expected Webinar Outcomes

The webinar aims to achieve the following outcomes:

- **Information sharing and collaboration:** Facilitate knowledge exchange between G20 Working Groups and aligned initiatives to enhance collaboration and lessons-learning
- **Stakeholder feedback and validation:** Gather comprehensive feedback on the Hub's design, strategic framework, and level of ambition from diverse continental and international stakeholders
- **Partnership development:** Explore potential partnership opportunities and alignment with existing G20 bioeconomy initiatives and other complementary programs
- **Awareness raising and engagement:** Generate broad awareness of the Hub among key stakeholders while building initial interest for ongoing collaboration
- **Set a strategic foundation:** Establish understanding of the Hub's four strategic pillars and operational framework as the foundation for subsequent deeper engagements
- **Platform positioning:** Position the Hub as the leading continental platform for bioeconomy finance in Africa within the G20 framework

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## WEBINAR FORMAT AND STRUCTURE

<b>Date:</b>	11 August 2025
<b>Duration:</b>	90 minutes (14:00-15:30 SAST)
<b>Format:</b>	Virtual participation
<b>Target Audience:</b>	G20 Members, Public sector, project developers, private sector, financial institutions, IPLCs, knowledge institutions, development partners
<b>RSVP:</b>	Ms Suzan S. Khoza, Email: SKhoza@dffe.gov.za on or before <b>10 August 2025</b> ;RSVPs will be secured on a first come basis and the MS Teams link will be shared accordingly.

## AGENDA

**Programme Director:** Preshanthie Naicker-Manick, DFFE

TIME ALLOCATION	SESSION	PRESENTER
14:00 – 14:10	<b>Opening Remarks</b> - Welcome and Context Setting	Khorommbi Matibe, Chief Director: Biodiversity Economy and Sustainable Use, DFFE
14:10 – 14:25	<b>Establishing the foundation</b> - Background and rationale for the Bioeconomy Finance Hub, including continental market gaps and opportunities	Julie McCarthy, CEO, NatureFinance
14:25 – 14:40	<b>Strategic vision</b> - Hub's overarching objectives and expected transformational impact across Africa's bioeconomy landscape	Dorothy Maseke, Head of the ANCA Secretariat and Lead, Nature Finance & TNFD, FSD Africa
14:40 – 14:55	<b>Implementation framework</b> – The operational methodology and strategic pillars through which the Hub will achieve its goals	Theresa Reisch, Senior Nature Finance Advisor, FSD Africa
14:55 – 15:25	<b>Interactive Discussion &amp; Q&amp;A</b> - Participant engagement through clarification questions, strategic implementation suggestions, and expressions of interest in collaboration	ALL
15:25 – 15:30	<b>Next Steps and Closing</b> - Summary of key insights and pathway to roundtable engagements	Ben Durham, Chief Direction, Bio-innovation, South African Department for Science and Innovation