

## Session 14: Ecosystems and our ecological infrastructure

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11h30 – 13h00

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Maintaining our ecological infrastructure is critical. The scaling up of South Africa's existing adaptive programmes will be discussed with reference to Working for Water, Working for Wetlands, Working on Land programmes. The implementation of South Africa's Ecological Infrastructure Strategic Programme will be explored.

### Key question:

What needs to be done to scale up work on restoring and building South Africa's ecological infrastructure to enhance climate resilience?

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	Bonani	Madikizela	TBC - Water Research Commission	Water-linked ecosystems
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