

Session 20: The role of waste in the transition to a lower carbon economy

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14h15 – 15h45

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The National Climate Change Response Policy identified waste management as a near term priority flagship programme. The Department of Environmental Affairs will present the development of South Africa's waste-to-energy programmes, and their relation to (a) a lower carbon economy, (b) job creation, and (c) viability and scalability. The trade-off between recycling programmes, waste-to-agriprotein, and waste-to-energy programmes will be discussed. The Department of Science and Technology will be called upon to discuss the waste roadmap on innovation. Outcomes from the October 2014 WasteCon may also be presented, along the theme of growing sustainably.

Key question:

What role can the waste sector play in the transition to a low carbon economy?

Contributors				
Category	Name	Surname	Organisation	Topic
Chair	Mark	Gordon	Deputy Director-General for the Branch: Chemicals and Waste Management, Department of Environmental Affairs	-
Speakers	Thapelo	Letete	Director: Climate Change Mitigation Monitoring and Evaluation, Department of Environmental Affairs	The Waste Management flagship programme – responding to climate change in the waste sector
	Cobus	Kotze	Board Director, AgriProtein	Agriprotein in relation to the topic
	Makhosazana	Baker	Director: Waste Management, City of Johannesburg	Waste management in Johannesburg in the context of transitioning to a lower carbon economy.