Programme for the South African National Biodiversity and Business Indaba 2015

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Introduction

The National Biodiversity and Business Network (NBBN), in collaboration with its founding partners, the Department of Environmental Affairs, Nedbank, Hatch Goba, Pam Golding Properties, Pick n Pay, Transnet and De Beers, is presenting South Africa's first national Biodiversity and Business Indaba from 25 to 26 February 2015 in Johannesburg, South Africa. The Indaba will build on the significant private sector interest in biodiversity demonstrated at the United Nations Earth Summit in Rio in June 2012 and the many developments that have taken place since then. These include the outcomes of the Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity Meetings, the latest World Forum on Natural Capital in 2013 and of the 12th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity in October 2014.

Objectives of the Indaba

The Indaba will provide a dynamic platform to enable a collective discussion to improve the mainstreaming of biodiversity considerations into business.

The objectives of the Indaba are to:

- Provide clear information on emerging risks and opportunities related to biodiversity, with a focus on the practical implications for business.
- Facilitate better understanding of the business risks and opportunities related to biodiversity.
- Enable business leaders to shape the debate and learn from emerging practice.
- Facilitate better understanding of the value of natural capital to support the development path of the country and region.
- Support the incorporation of biodiversity into strategic planning and decision-making.
- Showcase national, regional and international examples of biodiversity mainstreaming by business.
- Provide guidance to support mainstreaming of biodiversity into business and the development path of the country.
- Highlight opportunities for businesses to make a net positive contribution to our natural environment, for the benefit of biodiversity, the economy and society.
- Facilitate a new approach to decision-making, management and governance of natural resources by business and government.
- Facilitate better integration of conservation into economics.
- Assist in the development of collaborations and partnerships to move forward.

Day 1: 25 February 2015

7h00 – 8h00	**REGISTRATION**
8h00 – 9h00	Opening address by key note speakers
9h00 – 9h30	Welcome and presentation of the objectives of the Indaba
9h30 – 10h30	Setting the strategic direction for the Indaba – panel discussion
10h30 – 11h00	**TEA**
11h00 – 12h00	Overview of the key challenges for biodiversity and business – panel discussion
12h00 – 13h00	The business case for mainstreaming biodiversity into business – panel discussion
13h00 – 14h00	**LUNCH**
14h00 – 15h00	Update on latest tools to mainstream biodiversity into business
15h00 – 16h00	Current examples of mainstreaming of biodiversity into business
16h00 – 16h30	**TEA**
16h30 – 17h30	Current examples of mainstreaming of biodiversity into business - continued
17h30 – 19h30	**COCKTAIL FUNCTION** (sponsored by Nedbank)

Opening address by key note speakers

8h00 – 9h00

- Minister of Environmental Affairs (Bomo Edith Edna Molewa) TBC
- CEO of the Consumer Goods Council of South Africa (Gwarega Mangozhe) TBC

Welcome and presentation of the objectives of the Indaba

9h00 – 9h30

- Gordon Institute for Business Science (Dr Tumo Kele)
- National Biodiversity and Business Network (Shelley Lizzio)

Dr Kele, the Director of the Centre for Business Analysis and Research, at GIBS will welcome delegates to the event. An overview of the Indaba and its objectives will be presented by Shelley Lizzio, the Manger of the National Biodiversity and Business Network.

Setting the strategic direction for the Indaba

9h30 – 10h30

- Department of Environmental Affairs (Peter Lukey)
- National Planning Commission (Ismail Lagardien)
- Johannesburg Stock Exchange (Corli le Roux)

- National Business Initiative (Joanne Yawitch)
- Chamber of Mines (Bheki Sibiya) TBC

Business is dependent on natural resources for its growth and sustainability. It is thus important that business play a key role in its management and conservation. However, despite concepts such as 'biodiversity' and 'ecosystem services' becoming discussion points in business of late, they still remain mostly marginal in strategic considerations. In this session panellists will highlight the importance of a national discussion on the mainstreaming of biodiversity into business at this time. The strategic challenges faced by business in the mainstreaming of biodiversity will be identified and the need for collaboration between business and government to address these will be emphasised.

Overview of the key challenges for biodiversity and business – panel discussion

11h00 – 12h00

- South African National Biodiversity Institute (Dr Tanya Abrahamse)
- National Business Initiative (Joanne Yawitch)
- South African Mining and Biodiversity Forum (Patti Wickens)
- Ernst and Young (Benny de Lange)

In this session we will look at the current state of biodiversity in South Africa and how this could pose a risk to business development and the economic growth of the country. The impact that the current state of biodiversity has had on business in South Africa in recent years will be explored. We will then take a closer look at the impact of biodiversity risks and opportunities in the mining sector before moving back to a more broad approach where we will identify what needs to be done to facilitate the mainstreaming of biodiversity into business in the context of current national and global agenda for biodiversity.

The business case for mainstreaming biodiversity into business – panel discussion

12h00 – 13h00

- IUCN (Dr Marie Parramon-Gurney)
- Conservation SA (Sarah Frazee)

- De Beers (Warwick Mostert)
- Pick n Pay (Andre Nel)
- Karin Ireton
- Woolworths (Justin Smith)

In this session the risks and opportunities posed by biodiversity to business will be identified and the case made for the mainstreaming of biodiversity into business. The speakers will provide insight into the business case for the greening of business in the different sectors.

Update on latest tools to mainstream biodiversity into business

14h00 – 15h00

- African Centre for Technology Studies (Dr Joel Houdet)

Dr Houdet will provide an overview of the various tools to support the mainstreaming of biodiversity into business.

Current examples of mainstreaming of biodiversity into business

15h00 – 16h00 and 16h30 – 17h30

- Pick n Pay (Andre Nel)
- Mondi (Brent Cochran)
- Transnet (Daphney Ramaphosa)
- De Beers (Deidre Lingenfelder)
- IUCN (Dr Marie Parramon-Gurney)
- International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (Liz Metcalfe)
- Fauna & Flora International (Dr Zoe Balmforth)
- Mogalakwena Incubator (Peter Coombes)
- Nedbank (Vicky Beukes)

Presenters will each provide a brief overview of a case study of the mainstreaming of biodiversity in their sectors. The case studies will highlight the business rationale for the activities, the lessons learnt through the process of implementation, the resulting costs and benefits, and will describe the next steps for the company in the mainstreaming of biodiversity.

Day 2: 26 February 2015

8h00 – 8h30	Address by key note speaker
8h30 – 9h30	The role of the green economy and green economic policy – panel discussion
9h30 – 10h00	Addressing the communication challenge to facilitate the mainstreaming of biodiversity into business
10h00 – 10h20	Where are you on the journey to mainstreaming biodiversity?
10h20 – 10h50	**TEA**
10h50 – 11h15	The NBBN and its strategy
11h15 – 12h30	PARALLEL SESSIONS: Defining the next steps for your sector
12h30 – 13h30	**LUNCH**
13h30 – 15h00	PARALLEL SESSIONS: Defining the next steps for your sector (continued)
15h00 – 15h30	**TEA**
15h30 – 16h30	FEEDBACK SESSION: The way forward for your sector
16h30 – 17h00	Conclusion and way forward

Address by keynote speaker

8h00 – 8h30

- CEO of the Endangered Wildlife Trust (Yolan Friedman)

The role of the green economy and green economic policy – panel discussion

8h30 – 9h30

- National Business Initiative (Steve Nicholls)
- Old Mutual (Jon Duncan)
- Santam (Ray-Anne Sedres)
- Karin Ireton
- City of Tshwane (Dora Nteo)
- ACTS (Joel Houdet)

UNEP defines a green economy as "one that results in improved human well-being and social equity, while significantly reducing environmental risks and ecological scarcities." Biodiversity underpins economic growth, human development and well-being. It has contributed significantly towards the building of today's economic system and in a similar way will play an important role in the transition to a green economy. In this session panellists will discuss the role of the green economy and green economic policy in the mainstreaming biodiversity into business.

Addressing the communication challenge to facilitate the mainstreaming of biodiversity into business

9h30 – 10h00

- OgilveyEarth (Melissa Baird)

Where are you on the journey to mainstreaming biodiversity?

10h00 – 10h20

- National Business Initiative (Steve Nicholls) TBC

The NBBN and its strategy

10h50 – 11h15

- National Biodiversity and Business Network (Shelley Lizzio)

The manager of the NBBN, Shelley Lizzio, will provide an overview of the NBBN strategy, highlighting the role that the network proposes to play in the mainstreaming of biodiversity into business in South Africa.

Defining the next steps for your sector

11h15 – 12h30 and 13h30 – 15h00

Delegates will break away into parallel sessions each focussing on biodiversity mainstreaming in a specific sector. Discussions will cover the current state of the mainstreaming of biodiversity in each sector and plans of action to further biodiversity mainstreaming going forward will be developed. The sectors and organisations leading the discussions are as follows.

PARALLEL SESSIONS:

Agricultural Supply Chain

- Conservation South Africa (Rosie Stanway)
- Pick n Pay (Andre Nel)
- WWF (Inge Kotze)
- Woolworths (Justin Smith)

Tourism

- Sustainable Tourism Partnership Programme (Niki Glen)

- Department of Tourism (Bheki Themba)
- Africa's Finest (Collin Dell) TBC
- Fair Trade Tourism (Kathy Bergs)

Infrastructure Development and Extractives

- De Beers (Warwick Mostert)
- IUCN (Marie Parramon-Gurney)
- WWF (Christine Colvin) TBC
- Transnet (Daphney Ramaphosa)

Financial and Insurance

- Karen Ireton
- Santam (Vanessa Otto-Mentz)
- Old Mutual (Jon Duncan)
- Fauna & Flora International (Dr Zoe Balmforth)

Supporting Business through Human Capital Development

- GreenMatter (Chantal Ramcharan-Kotze)

The way forward for the different sectors

15h30 – 16h30

The facilitators for the parallel sessions will provide feedback on their discussions. They will provide insight into the status of the mainstreaming of biodiversity into their sectors and recommendations on how to advance their sectors in this area. Consideration will be given by each sector as to the role that the NBBN can play in facilitating the mainstreaming process.

Conclusion and way forward

16h30 – 17h00

Shelley Lizzio will sum up the events of the past two days and outline the way forward in terms of facilitating the mainstreaming of biodiversity into business in South Africa.