



THE 7TH ANNUAL
GREEN YOUTH
indaba 2022

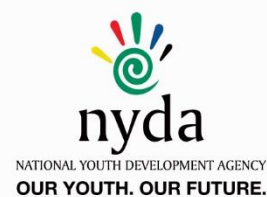
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*“Climate Adaptation,
Innovation and Sustainable
Skills Development for
Intense Youth Participation
in the Green Economy”*

Concept Note

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CONFERENCE CONCEPT NOTE

The Green Youth Network in partnership the Department of Trade and Industry is set to host its 7th Green Youth Indaba. The Green Youth Network is responsible for the advancement of youth interest – and the development of sustainable skills – in the green economy. It also seeks to promote comprehensive education on issues relating to environmental conservation in South Africa. The Green Youth Network is a national network of action-oriented youth in South Africa who are concerned about environmental issues and determined to make a positive change.

The 2022 theme for the upcoming Green Youth Indaba is ***“Climate Adaptation, Innovation and Sustainable Skills Development for Intense Youth Participation in the Green Economy”***. Climate change influences key natural and human living conditions and is subsequently the basis for social and economic development. The Green Youth Indaba will look into innovative careers and entrepreneurship prospects that are available in South Africa to enhance our current skills shortage. Through the Indaba, we will also explore innovative solutions in protecting our environment, while bringing green economy skills, jobs, and careers to the forefront of climate change adaptation.

This high impact two-day interactive Indaba is a must-attend for environmental activists, agriculture students, green innovators as well as anyone who is interested in this exciting field. It will offer access to the best local and international minds and thought leadership through its industry-focused content. This is the only event of its kind to deliver youth-focused industry intelligence in a compact two-day format, combined with categorized and sector presentations on the latest Environmental advancements specifically focused to all that affects the youth.

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The Green Youth Indaba 2022 seeks to go beyond exploring opportunities for youth within the green economy, as well as effectively explore and unpack necessary strategies that can create easy access to support and fund green innovations and green careers. The Indaba will empower youth with the information and skills transfer needed to eradicate youth unemployment and poverty by tapping into green economy jobs and business opportunities.

GREEN YOUTH INDABA 2022 KEY PILLARS OF DISCUSSION

- Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation
- Capacity building for a greener future
- Youth agriculture and food security
- Waste management, recycling
- Skills development: Necessary aid and skills needed to tap into the green economy
- Water conservation, wetlands management
- Institutional framework for sustainable development
- Sustainable Tourism and Development
- Energy efficiency and Renewable energy
- Innovation and technology transfer
- Sustainable Agriculture



GREEN INNOVATORS PITCH 7.0

The Green Youth Indaba will also be returning with its flagship pitching contest, the *Green Innovators Pitch*. The Indaba invites African inventors, innovators, green entrepreneurs, green start-up companies, small green companies, Universities, Students, Science Councils and Technology Transfer Offices to showcase their Green Technology Businesses and green ideas at the Green Innovators Pitch as part of the Green Youth Indaba Conference focusing on “Green Innovations and Sustainable Skills Development for Inclusive Growth also funding green start-ups”.

The Pitch’s main aim is to not only inspire SA Youth in promoting entrepreneurship in green business technology but also to give them exposure and access to green funders that will boost competitiveness and contribute significantly to the economic growth.

The Pitch Will Focus on the Seven (7) Key Pillars:

- Renewable Energy
- Agriculture
- Green Buildings
- Waste Management & Recycling
- Water Conservation and Water Demand Management
- Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation
- Sustainable Mobility and Responsible Tourism

OVERVIEW & BACKGROUND

Since 2014, Green Youth Network have been developing a network of over 10,000 young leaders from all over South Africa through the Annual Indaba Summits. Hosted in June in celebration of Youth Month.

Over 200 young environmental leaders will gather at one of South Africa’s leading innovative centres for two days of discussions, workshops, and networking to help generate solutions to the environmental challenges the world faces.

Our country’s developmental reform has come a long way since the dawn of democracy, the most notable aspect of which is the embedment of green economy principles into this developmental trajectory. Significant contribution to the evolution can be credited to the support of the global community in general and the United Nations (UN) in particular.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in mid-2014, joined the UN-led global initiative on Partnership for Action on the Green Economy (PAGE). It involves the cooperation of five UN Agencies and spheres of national government. The country has sought to promote a diverse and equitable economy, in line with the UN’s definition of green economy.

We look forward to an insightful and worthwhile Indaba. We appreciate your interest in participating in/contributing to the event.

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