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19 June 2025



08h30 – 16h00

07:30 – 08:30

Arrival & Registration

08:30 - 08:35

Setting the Stage

Melody Miya, Media Personality (Programme Director)

08:35 – 08:45

Talk

Paul Nzimande, Consultant, Life Coach & Mental Health Advocate

08:45 – 08:50

Opening Remarks

Sanele Zulu, Chief Executive Officer, Green Youth Network

08:50 – 09:05

Official Welcome by the City

Cllr Ntando Khuzwayo Deputy Chairperson of Governance and Intergovernmental Relations committee, eThekweni Municipality

09:05 - 09:20

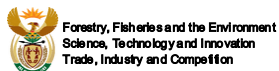
Message of Support: Unlocking Youth Potential through Science & Innovation

Dr. Mmboneni Muofhe, Deputy Director-General: Socio-Economic Innovation Partnerships, Department of Science, Technology & Innovation

09:20 – 09:30

Message of Support: Unlocking Green Jobs and Strategy on Job Creation in Environmental Sectors

Reverend Musa Zondi, MEC for Economic Development, Tourism, and Environmental Affairs



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Address: *Advancing Youth Participation in the Green Economy*

Hon. Narend Singh, Deputy Minister, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment

09:45 – 10:05

Keynote Address: *The Climate Generation, Rising to the Challenge*

Hon. (Dr.) Nobuhle Nkabane, Minister, Department of Higher Education & Training

10:05 – 10:30

Tea Break and Exhibitions

10:30 – 10:50

Presentation: *Green Manufacturing as a Tool to Address Youth Unemployment and Drive Sustainable Local Economic Development*

Ineeleng Molete, Chief Executive Officer, Local Government Sector Education and Training Authority

10:50 – 11:10

Presentation:

Dr. Mmaphefo Thwala, Water Sector Manager, Energy and Water Sector Education and Training Authority



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Dialogue: *Circular Economy & the Township Economy: Rethinking South Africa's Circular Economy and How Local Solutions Can Meet Global Challenges*

Moderator: Zama Khumalo, Junior Chamber International

- Aubrey Muswema, Contract Researcher, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research
- Tlou Sebola, Collections and Training Manager, Petco
- Mark Lamani, Community Engagement Manager, Circular South Africa
- Edith Leeuta, Chief Executive Officer, Fibre Circle

11:50 - 12:10

Presentation: *Active Citizenship - Youth for Climate*

Lefentse Nokaneng, Research General Manager, Brand South Africa

12:10 - 12:20

Address:

Sipho Shoba, Chief Operations Officer, Wholesale and Retail Sector Education and Training Authority

12:20 – 13:00

Panel Discussion: *Access to Finance and Support for Youth in the Green Economy*

Moderator: Dumisile Le Roux, Global Youth Advocate

- Johan Marnewick, Head of Fixed Income Private Markets and Portfolio Manager, STANLIB
- The Department of Trade, Industry, and Competition
- Dr. Andrea Campher, Senior of Sustainability & AgriBusiness, Standard Bank
- Jabulani Dladla, Centre Coordinator/Manager, National Youth Development Agency (Durban Centre)



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Lunch Break

14:00 – 14:10

Mastering Self

Bongani Putsoane, Youth Leader & Award-Winning Author, PEG Foundation

14:10 – 14:20

Presentation: *The Role of Youth in Improving Climate Resilience*

Lindile Shozi, Board Executive Member and Climate Justice Coordinator, South African Youth Climate Change Coalition

14:20 – 14:40

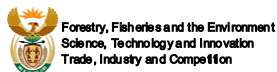
The Evolution of Waste: *Innovating the Future of Waste Management*

Jacques Jelliman, Senior Manager, Polyco

14:40 – 14:50

Success Story: *Turning Recycling into Revenue*

Thabiso Hlongwane, Founder & Managing Director, Greener Pastures Recycling Company



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Panel Discussion: Infrastructure & Climate Collaboration

Moderator: Bongwiwe Beja-Ntsiko, Regional Program Manager Africa, beVisioneers - The Mercedes Benz Fellowship

- Pretty Dlamini, Environmental Specialist, Transnet
- Tumelo Ledimo, Project Manager, South African National Accreditation System
- Zama Dlamini, Environmental Management Service, Dube TradePort
- Luzuko Chiya, Junior Scientist in the Economic Geology & Geochemistry Business Unit, Council for Geoscience

15:20 – 15:30

Talk: Youth Enterprise Showcase

Minenhle Simelane, Co-Founder, Umlazi Art & Recycle

15:30 – 15:40

Closing Reflections

Malibongwe Xaba, Acting General Manager, Green Youth Network

15:40 – 16:40

Refreshments & Departure



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07:30 – 08:30

Arrival & Registration

08:30 - 08:35

Opening Remarks

Melody Miya, Media Personality (Programme Director)

08:35 – 08:55

Green Youth Indaba Legacy Partners' Address

- Candice Moodley, Corporate Services Executive at the Energy and Water Sector Education and Training Authority
- Felleng Yende, Chief Executive Officer, Fibre Processing and Manufacturing Sector Education and Training Authority

08:55 – 09:15

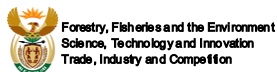
Message of Support

Barbara Mgtshini, Deputy Director General, Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs KwaZulu-Natal

09:15 – 09:40

Keynote Address

Mvuselelo Mathebula, General Waste Minimization Director, Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment



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09:40 – 10:40

My Biggest Blunders Talk: *Failing Forward*

Moderator: Dr. Roche Mamabolo, LORA Centre for Innovation & Entrepreneurship

- Sheldon Pandaram, Chief Executive Officer, Seed Time & Harvest
- Senamile Nkosi, Founder, INkanyezi Flushing Systems
- Reshoketswe Molepo, Chief Executive Officer, RRT Green Construction

10:40 – 11:10

Tea Break & Exhibitions

11:10 – 11:25

Address

Gwen Gosney, Environmental Manager: Environmental and Social Management System, Trans-Caledon Tunnel Authority

11:25 – 12:05

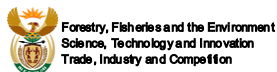
Panel Discussion: *Green Youth Connect*

Moderator: Zama Khumalo, Junior Chamber International

- Nokuphila Gumede, Chief Executive Officer & Founder, Field Tech Environmental Solution
- Gwiba Pasiya, Executive Director, Glons Oil
- Sisi Nxumalo, Founder, SoulShooz

12:05 – 12:20

Presentation: *Growing Youth Opportunities and Green Communities through the Green Development Foundation*
Mulalo Ntendani Thabela, Chairman, Green Development Foundation



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Fireside Chat: *How Youth Can be in the Forefront of Community & Environmental Action*

Moderator: Dumisile Le Roux, Global Youth Advocate

- Paleni Iyer, Environmental Advocate, The Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace
- Thembelihle Mazibuko, EMI & Compliance Manager, eThekweni Municipality

12:50 – 13:30

Panel Discussion: *Innovation & Incubation Support for Youth*

Moderator: Bongiwwe Beja-Ntsiko, Regional Program Manager Africa, beVisioneers - The Mercedes Benz Fellowship

- KwaZulu-Natal Convention Bureau
- SmartXchange
- Moses Kotane Research Institute
- Small Enterprise Development and Finance Agency

13:30 – 14:15

Lunch

14:15 – 14:35

Dialogue: *The Power of Partnerships in Sustainable Development*

- Amo Mokoape, Strategist, Sustainability Advocate & Deputy Director for Economic and Social Transformation, South African BRICS Youth Association
- Pamod Penceliah, Founder, iSolar



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14:35 – 14:45

Young Researcher's Presentation: Showcasing Youth-led Research on Environmental Sustainability
(Investigating the Framework of Social Structure and Fairness in South Africa's Water Policy: A Case Study of Water and Sanitation in eThekweni Municipality (KwaZulu-Natal))
Xolani Masemula, Master's Candidate, University of KwaZulu-Natal

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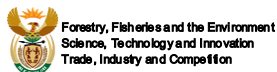
Panel Discussion: Careers & Skills that Power the Green Economy
Moderator: Melody Miya, Media Personality (Programme Director)
• Dade Mbhele, Senior Manager Retail, ESKOM KwaZulu-Natal
• Zenith Tsengwa, Chief Executive Officer, Maths & Science Infinity
• Road Accident Fund
• Wholesale & Retail Sector, Education & Training Authority

15:05 – 16:05

Green Innovators Pitch 10.0: Sustainable Innovation in Action - Youth-Led Ventures Pitching for Impact
Top 5 Finalists

16:05 – 16:15

The Next Decade of GYI
Dumisile Le Roux, Chief Operations Officer, Green Youth Network



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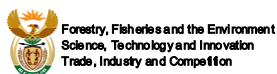
16:15 – 16:25

Closing Remarks & Vote of Thanks

Sanele Zulu, Chief Executive Officer, Green Youth Network

16:25 – 17:00

Departure



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