



GREEN YOUTH INDABA DAY 1

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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: Empowering youth for meaningful economic participation by turning skills into impact

08:45 – 08:50

Opening Remarks

Sanele Zulu, Chairperson, Green Youth Network

08:50 – 09:05

Official Welcome by the City

Cllr. Zamazulu Sokhabase, EXCO Chair of Community Services Committee, eThekweni Municipality

09:05 - 09:20

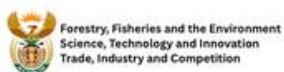
Message of Support: Unlocking Youth Potential through Science & Innovation

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

09:20 – 09:35

Address: Advancing Youth Participation in the Green Economy

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



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

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

10:00 – 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:

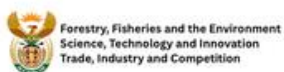
Dr. Mmaphefo Thwala, Water Sector Manager, Energy and Water Sector Education and Training Authority

11:10 -11:50

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



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Presentation: *Active Citizenship - Youth for Climate*
Lefentse Nokaneng, Research General Manager, Brand South Africa

12:10 - 12:20

Video Showcase

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

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch Break

14:00 – 14:10

Mastering Self: Mental Wellness and Leadership in the Green Economy
Paul Nzimande, Consultant, Life Coach & Mental Health Advocate

14:10 – 14:20

Presentation: *The Role of Youth in Improving Climate Resilience*
Lindile Shoji, Board Executive Member and Climate Justice Coordinator, South African Youth Climate Change Coalition

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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.

14:50 - 15:20

Panel Discussion: *Infrastructure & Climate Collaboration*

Moderator: Bongiwe 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
- Richards Bay Industrial Zone

15:20 – 15:30

Talk: *Youth Enterprise Showcase*

Minenhle Simelane, Co-Founder, Umlazi Art & Recycle

15:50 – 16:00

Closing Reflections

Malibongwe Xaba, Acting General Manager, Green Youth Network



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New Heights of Inspiration and creative problem solving through entrepreneurship and Skills Development

08:40 – 08:55

Message of Support

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

08:55 – 09:15

Keynote Address

Dumisani Buthelezi, General Waste Minimization Director, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment

09:15 - 10:15

My Biggest Blunders Talk: Before the Wins - Our Worst Fails and What They Taught Us

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

- Sheldon Pandaram, Chief Executive Officer, The Seed Time
- Senamile Nkosi, Founder, INKanyezi Flushing Systems
- Reshoketswe Molepo, Chief Executive Officer, RRT Green Construction

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Address

Pule Mothiba, Chief Strategy Officer, Trans-Caledon Tunnel Authority

11:00 – 11:40

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

11:40 – 11:50

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

11:50 - 12:30

Panel Discussion: How Youth Can Be in the Forefront of Community & Environmental Action

Moderator:

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

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- Technology Innovation Agency
- SmartXchange
- Moses Kotane
- Small Enterprise Development and Finance Agency

12:30 – 12:50

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

12:50 – 13:00

Young Researchers 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

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch



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

15:40 -16:20

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

16:20 – 16:30

The Next Decade of GYI

Dumisile Le Roux, Chief Operations Officer, Green Youth Network

16:30 – 16:40

Closing Remarks & Vote of Thanks

Sanele Zulu, Chief Executive Officer, Green Youth Network

16:40 – 17:00

Departure



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