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## Green Youth Indaba Conference Day 1

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18 JUNE 2026

**SUPERBOWL - SUN CITY NORTH WEST**

07:00-16:30

**07:00 – 08:00 ARRIVAL, REGISTRATION & EXHIBITION VIEWING**

08:00 – 08:10 **Opening & House Keeping**  
Hector Motivator, Programme Director

08:10 – 08:20 **Opening Remarks**  
Thato Motlhabani, Chief Commercial Officer, Green Youth Network

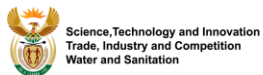
08:20 – 08:30 **Official Welcome**  
Cllr. Nketu Nkotswe, Mayor, Moses Kotane Local Municipality

08:30 – 08:45 **The State of Youth Participation in South Africa's Green Economy: Opportunities, Challenges and Strategic Priorities**

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

08:45 – 08:55 **Message of Support**  
Candice Moodley, Corporate Services Executive, Energy and Water Sector Education and Training Authority

08:55 – 09:10 **Partner's Address: Empowering Youth Through Sustainability, Innovation and Inclusive Growth**  
Bame Modimogale, Public Affairs, Communication & Sustainability Director, Coca-Cola Beverages South Africa



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- 09:10 – 09:25 **Investing in Tomorrow: Financing Inclusive Growth and Youth-Led Development**  
MEC Kenetswe Mosenogi, North West Department of Treasury
- 09:25 – 09:40 **Unlocking Economic Value Through EPR Compliance and South Africa's Circular Economy Strategy**  
Department of Forestry, Fisheries & the Environment (DFFE)
- 09:40 – 10:00 Building South Africa's Circular Economy Through Industry Collaboration**  
Makgabo van Niekerk, Executive Director, PRO Alliance
- 10:00 – 10:30 TEA BREAK & EXHIBITION VIEWING**
- 10:30 – 11:15 **Beyond Recycling: Building Circular Economies That Create Jobs**  
**Moderator:** Lebo Diale, Chief Director for Environmental Services, Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism (DEDECT)
- Dr. Kishan Singh, Chief Executive Officer, MetPac-SA
  - Shabeer Jhetam, Chief Executive Officer, The Glass Recycling Company
  - Austin Nenguke, Chief Financial Officer, Polycy
  - Telly Chauke, Chief Executive Officer, Petco
  - Fibre Circle
- 11:15 – 11:35 **Keynote Address: Positioning North West for a Green Economic Future**  
Premier Lazarus Mokgosi, North West Province

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11:35 – 12:15

**Moderator:** Nhlanhla Ndlovu, Training Manager, Green Youth Network

**No Filter:** *What It Really Takes to Innovate in South Africa*

- Ncedo Ntshabo, Founder, QombeGrow Organic
- Orefile Mmope, Founder, IC Agri-Plastic
- Mamello Mofokeng, Founder, Saturated

12:15 – 12:40

**If Water Runs Out:** *What Happens to Jobs, Industry and Economic Stability?*

**Moderator:** Masibonge Mzwakali, Head of Regulatory Affairs & Stakeholder Relations, Coca-Cola Beverages South Africa (CCBSA)

- Phindile Mangwana, Presidential Climate Commission
- Sibongiseni Mbadamana, Chief Operations Officer, Magalies Water
- Wanda Mkutshulwa, Senior Manager of Communication and Stakeholders, Trans-Caledon Tunnel Authority
- Department of Water & Sanitation

12:40 – 12:55

**From Climate Activism to Economic Agency:** *Young People as Architects of South Africa's Just Transition*  
Andile Mlambo, Commissioner, Presidential Climate Commission

12:55 – 13:00

**Turning Sparks into Solutions:** *Youth Leading the New Green Revolution*  
Sibusiso Shabangu, Pyrolysis Innovator, SMS Small Enterprise

13:00 – 13:45

**LUNCH & EXHIBITION VIEWING**

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14:00 – 14:15 Unlocking Opportunities for Young People Through Infrastructure Development and Mobility  
 14:15 – 14:30 **The North West Agricultural Accelerator:** *Building Inclusive Agricultural Economies for Young People*  
 MEC Madoda Sambatha, North West Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

14:30 – 16:00 Breakaway Sessions		
Lopata Hall	Sofala Hall	Superbowl Hall
From Soil to Shelf: Unlocking Youth Opportunities Across the Agribusiness Value Chain	Designing Your Green Future: Creating a Personal Roadmap for Career, Enterprise and Impact	Intergenerational Dialogue: Unlocking Youth Participation in the Green Economy

16:00 – 16:30 **Key Breakaway Findings**  
 Breakaway Sessions' Representatives  
 16:30 – 16:40 **Closing Remarks**  
 Cllr. Susan Nthangeni, Mayor, Bojanala Platinum District Municipality  
 16:40 – 17:00 **DEPARTURE**



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## Green Youth Indaba Conference Day 2

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07:00 -17:00

07:00 – 08:00

### ARRIVAL, REGISTRATION & EXHIBITION VIEWING

08:00 – 08:10

#### Welcome

Hector Motivator, Programme Director

08:10 – 08:25

#### **From Hustle to Enterprise:** *Building the Next Generation of Green Entrepreneurs*

Bulelani Balabala, Founder, Township Entrepreneurs Alliance (TEA)

08:25 – 08:40

#### **Youth Economic Participation Through the Green Economy**

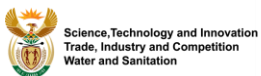
Bonga Makhanya, Executive Deputy Chairperson, National Youth Development Agency

08:40 – 09:15

#### **From Policy to Impact:** *How Government is Creating Pathways for Youth Participation in the Green Economy*

**Moderator:** Hector Motivator

- Dr. Mmboneni Mofhe , Deputy Director General for Socio-economic Innovation Partnerships, Science, Technology & Innovation (DSTI)
- Jimmy Tsietsi Mawelela, Deputy Director General for Planning, Performance, Monitoring, Evaluation and Intervention, North West Office of the Premier
- Cllr. Kutlwano Ramokgadi, Provincial Chairperson, South African Local Government Association Youth Commission – North West



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- 09:15 – 09:25 **Accelerating Youth from Learning to Earning:** *Unlocking South Africa's Green Economy Through Youth Entrepreneurship*  
Nkosinathi Moshwana, Chief Executive Officer, Primestars
- 09:25 – 09:35 **Bokone Bophirima's Sustainable Horizon:** *Capitalising on Green Tech Innovation, Renewable Energy, and the Biodiversity Economy for Generational Wealth*  
MEC Bitsa Lenkopane, Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism (DEDECT)
- 09:35 – 09:50 **Keynote Address:** *Nurturing Grassroots Youth Innovation into Sustainable Green Enterprises*  
Deputy Minister Sihle Zikalala, Department of Public Works & Infrastructure (DPWI)
- 09:50 – 10:00 **Pitch with Purpose:** *How to Build an Investable Idea*  
Dr. Roche Mamabolo, Managing Director, LORA Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship – Pitch Lead Facilitator
- 10:00 – 11:00 **Green Innovators Pitch (G.I.P) 11.0.**  
Top 5 Youth Innovators Finalists
- 11:00 – 11:30 REFRESHER BREAK & EXHIBITION VIEWING**
- 11:30 – 11:45 **The Green Research Status Quo:** *Mapping South Africa's Scientific Assets for Green Economic Growth*  
Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf)



11:45 – 12:45

### Young Researchers Pitch

Top 5 Young Researchers Finalists

12:45 – 13:00

### The Paradox of Progress: Why human achievement now demands environmental stewardship

Dr. Kishan Singh, Chief Executive Officer, MetPac-SA

13:00 – 14:00

### LUNCH & EXHIBITION VIEWING

14:00 – 14:15

### The E-Waste Economy: Turning Digital Waste into Youth Enterprise Opportunities

Lucile Charles, Chief Innovation Officer, eWASA

14:15 – 15:00

### The Compliance Playbook: Eliminating Barriers to Entry for Youth in Key Economic Sectors

**Moderator:** Bongiwwe Beja-Ntsiko, Regional Programme Manager Africa, beVisioneers – The Mercedes Benz Fellowship

- Mosibudi Mokoale, Department of Trade, Industry & Competition
- Mmasenye Mogorosi, Companies & Intellectual Property Commission Matome Manamela, B-BBEE commission

15:00 – 15:45

### The Green Escalator: Funding and Scaling Youth Ventures from Idea to Industrial Giant

**Moderator:** Tsholofelo "Tsholo" Mqhayi, Head of Sustainability, Coca-Cola Beverages South Africa

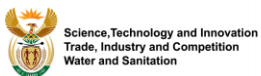
- Nomaxabiso Matjila, Lead Specialist Group CSI: Corporate Citizenship, STANLIB
- Mr. Jethro Rammutla, Incubation Manager, Small Enterprise Development and Finance Agency

15:45 – 16:30

### Beyond Qualifications: Skills, Innovation & Entrepreneurship in the Green Economy

**Moderator:** Hector Motivator

- Thabile Ndaba, Business Development and Programme Manager, Nelson Mandela University Business School
- Zenith Tsengwa, Chief Executive Officer, Maths & Science Infinity
- GREEN Solar Academy



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- 16:30 – 16:45 **Closing Address: Building the Next Decade of Youth Innovation, Enterprise and Economic Impact**  
Hon. Kenny Morolong, Deputy Minister, The Presidency
- 16:45 – 17:00 **Vote of Thanks**  
Malibongwe Xaba, General Manager, Green Youth Network
- 17:00 **DEPARTURE**

