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Youth, Planet, Journey to a Greener Future

DAY 1

DATE: 13 June 2024
VENUE: Durban Exhibition Centre
TIME: 07h00 – 16h30

PROGRAMME DIRECTOR: Sibusiso Molimi		
07h00 – 07h50	Arrival & Registration	All
08h20 – 09h30	Opening Remarks	Sibusiso Molimi, Programme Director
09h30 – 09h50	Official Welcome by the Host City	Cllr. Nkosenhle Madlala , EXCO Member and Chair of Governance and Human Capital Committee (eThekweni Municipality)
09h40 – 10h00	Message of Support from the Department of Science & Innovation	Dr. Mmboneni Muofhe, Deputy Director General: Socio-Economic Innovation Partnerships (Department of Science & Innovation)
10h20 – 10h40	Keynote Address	Tsholofelo Mqhayi, Head: Social Transformation (Coca-Cola Beverages South Africa)
10h40 – 11h10	Dialogue Advancing Sustainable Waste Solutions that Benefit both the Environment and Society through Producer Responsibility Organisations (PROs) and stakeholders	Moderator: Yamkela Dyanty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edith Leeuta , Chief Executive Officer (Fibre Circle) Dr Emmanuel Sakado, Project Manager (Inkwazi Isu) Francois Marais, EPR Specialist (Polyco)
11h10 – 11h30	Green Youth Connect Panel From Passion to Profit: Young Entrepreneurs' Journey in the Green Economy	Moderator: Sibusiso Molimi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Luvo Gugwana, Founder (Green-Arch Innovation) Siyabonga Mngadi, Founder (Eminent Cacao) Dr. Nokhuthula Mavela, Founder (Mideh Group)
11h30 – 12h00	TEA BREAK & EXHIBITION VIEWING	

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<p>12h00 – 12h30</p>	<p>Dialogue Laying the Base, from Policy to Action: Water Conservation Strategies in Response to Natural Disasters</p>	<p>Moderator: Nozuko Msindo</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thobekile Gambu (uMngeni-uThukela Water) • Presidential Climate Commission • Trans-Caledon Tunnel Authority
<p>12h30 – 13h00</p>	<p>Panel Discussion Circular Skills: Empowering & Cultivating Tomorrow's Workforce with Skills for Sustainable Industries</p>	<p>Moderator: Sibusiso Molimi</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manufacturing, Engineering and Related Services Sector Education and Training Authority • Energy and Water SETA • Wholesale & Retail SETA • Food & Beverages SETA
<p>13h00 – 13h30</p>	<p>Fireside Chat Sustainable Policies & Opportunities for Small Businesses</p>	<p>Moderator: Yamkela Dyantyi</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karabo Motaung (Competition Commission) • Department of Trade, Industry & Competition • Tumelo Ledimo (South African National Accreditation System) • Lindiwe Johnson, Project Manager (Presidential Climate Commission)
<p>13h30 – 14h00</p>	<p>Dialogue International Collaboration: Addressing Climate Change Through Global Partnerships</p>	<p>Moderator: Nozuko Msindo</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Himla Soodyall, Executive Officer (Academy of Science of South Africa) • Nkumbulo Sithole, Senior Specialist: Climate Change and Energy (Transnet) • Menzi Dlamini, Executive Manager: Knowledge Management (Trade & Investment KwaZulu-Natal)
<p>14h00 – 15h00 LUNCH BREAK</p>		

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SIDE EVENT

<p>14h00 – 16h00</p>	<p>HOST: Presidential Climate Commission <i>Champions Intergenerational Dialogue</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Nthabiseng Masinge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Remarks: Mbali Baduza, Commissioner Keynote Address: Ayakha Melitafa, Commissioner Climate Action Report & Youth Climate Activism
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BREAKAWAY SESSIONS

<p>15h00 – 16h00</p>	<p>SESSION 1: Main Event Room <i>Empowering Youth through STEMI Education: Bridging Gaps and Fostering Innovation in Green Technology and Environmental Conservation</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Natisha Dukhi, Senior Research Specialist (Human Sciences Research Council)</p> <p>Panelist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Roseanne Diab, Emeritus Professor (University of KwaZulu-Natal) Prof. Keolebogile Motaung, Chief Executive Officer (Global Health BioTech) Dr. Tozamile Rubuluza, Portfolio Manager (Technology Innovation Agency) Prof. Moses Basitere, Associate Professor (University of Cape Town) 	<p>SESSION 2: Coast of Dreams <i>Circular Economy and Waste Reduction</i></p> <p>Moderator: Yamkela Dyandty</p> <p>Panelist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alinah Mthembu, Deputy Director: Green Economy (Department of Science & Innovation) Eli Kodisang, National Coordinator (African Reclaimers Organization) Dr Emmauel Sakado, Project Manager (Inkwazi Isu) Francois Marais, EPR Specialist (Polyco)
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GREEN INNOVATORS PITCH COMPETITION Powered by Technology Innovation Agency		
16h00 – 17h30	<p align="center">MAIN PLENARY <i>Pioneering Green Solutions: Youth-Led Ventures Pitching for a Sustainable Future</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Dr. Roche Mamabolo, Marketing Director (Lora Centre for Innovation & Entrepreneurship)</p> <p align="center">Judging Panel: Department of Science & Innovation Department of Trade, Industry and Competition Technology Innovation Agency Coca-Cola Beverages South Africa Manufacturing, Engineering and Related Services Sector Education and Training Authority (MerSETA)</p>	
	17h30 – 17h35	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <p>Sibusiso Molimi, Programme Director</p>
DEPARTURE		



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DAY 2

DATE: 14 June 2024
VENUE: Durban Exhibition Centre
TIME: 07h30 – 17h00

PROGRAMME DIRECTOR: Sibusiso Molimi		
07h30 – 08h20	Arrival & Registration	All
08h30 – 08h40	Opening Remarks	Sibusiso Molimi, Programme Director
08h40 – 08h50	Presentation Sustainable Mobility & Road Safety	Motshidisi Khutlape, Senior Statistical Analyst (Road Accident Fund)
08h50 – 09h00	Keynote Address	Manufacturing, Engineering and Related Services Sector Education and Training Authority (MERSETA)
09h00 – 09h10	Message of Support for Youth Month	Mbali Baduza, Commissioner (Presidential Climate Commission)
09h10 – 09h30	Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) in Action; from a Plastics Producer Responsibility Organisation (PRO)	Francois Marais, EPR Specialist (Polyco)
09h30 – 09h40	Green Youth Connect Empowering Youth Innovators: Shaping the Future for Green Technology	Zime Nxumalo, CEO (Zime Wezwe Creatives)
09h40 – 10h00	Panel Discussion Harnessing the Green Economy through Sustainable Mobility	Moderator: Yamkela Dyantyi Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bongani Dumane, Chief Executive Officer (Radah Skills Academy) MI Jeewa, Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder (Valternative Energy) Victor Radebe, Advisor (Valternative Energy)

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10h00 – 10h30	<p>Panel Discussion Catalysing Green Innovations for Economic Growth</p>	<p>Moderator: Sibusiso Molimi</p> <p>Panelist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selby Gumede, Company President (Wear Your Brand Foundation) Samkelisiwe Mtsewu, Account Manager (Industrial Development Corporation – KIPP) Xolani Ngema, Research & Innovation Manager (Moses Kotane Institute)
10h30 – 11h00	<p>Panel Discussion Building Bridges: Collaborating for a Sustainable Tomorrow</p>	<p>Moderator: Sibusiso Molimi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ntombifuthi Vilakazi, Senior Official (uMngeni-uThukela Water) Nthonyana Kitsa, Monitoring & Evaluation Manager (Transnet) Zama Dlamini, Environmental Management Services Manager (Dube TradePort) Competition Commission
11h00 – 11h30 TEA BREAK & EXHIBITION VIEWING		
11h30 – 11h45	<p>Presentation</p>	<p>Dr Andries Van der Linde, Renewable Energy Head (Siyakhula Sonke Empowerment Corporation)</p>
BREAKAWAY SESSIONS		
12h00 – 13h00	<p>Session 1: (Powered by Food & Beverage SETA) <i>Green Skills Development</i></p> <p>Moderator: Sibusiso Molimi</p> <p>Panel Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fibre Processing and Manufacturing SETA Local Government Sector Education and Training Authority Insurance SETA 	<p>Session 2 <i>SMME Entrepreneurship in the Green Economy</i></p> <p>Moderator: Yamkela Dyantyi</p> <p>Panel Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zolisanani Ngxobongwana, Programme Manager: SEFA Youth Challenge Fund (Small Enterprise Finance Agency) Jonathan Naidoo, Chief Executive Officer (SmartXchange) Gift Ntsoane, Business Development Officer (Department of Small Business Development) Competition Commission
13h00 – 14h00 LUNCH BREAK		

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14h00 – 14h30	<p>Panel Discussion Strategies for Entrepreneurial Success in Sustainable Economy (Financial & Non-Financial Support)</p>	<p>Moderator: Nozuko Msindo</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nozizwe Jele, Board Executive Director (Enterprise Room) • Technology Innovation Agency • KwaZulu-Natal Growth Fund
14h30 – 14h50	<p>Youth Innovators Panel: Youth driven innovations/ SMMEs in the greening space to promote sustainability</p>	<p>Moderator: Sibusiso Molimi</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mfanelo Ndelela, (Electri-Coa; Technologies) • Pheladi Chiloane (Sol4Africa) • Linah Maphanga (GrooveTech)
YOUNG RESEARCHERS PITCH SHOWCASE		
14h50 – 15h50	<p>Research Pitch Showcasing Youth-led Research on Environmental Sustainability</p> <p>Moderator : Yamkela Dyantyi</p>	
15h55 – 16h00	Top 3 Announcement	Green Youth Network
GREEN YOUTH INNOVATORS PITCH PRIZE GIVING		
16h05 – 16h10	Introduction by Session Moderator	Dr. Roche Mamabolo, Managing Director (Lora Centre for Innovation & Entrepreneurship)
16h10 – 16h15	Word by GYI Convener	Sanele Zulu, Chief Executive Officer (Green Youth Network)
16h15 – 16h30	Winner Announcement	Green Youth Network
16h30 – 16h40	Closing Remarks	Sibusiso Molimi, Programme Director
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