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Programme Moderator

Nastassia Arendse

9:00-9:40

Official Opening and Welcoming

High-level opening speeches by donors and key partners. The session will set the tone and scene of the symposium.

Speakers

Rest Kaniu - Director and Head of Operations (Indalo Inclusive SA) Poovandran Pillay - Executive Head, NEDBANK CSI UNIDO Representative

Dr Bongani Mwale, Commissioner, Presidential Climate Commission Gregor Schmorl - Programme Manager, Climate Cluster, GIZ

9:40-10:30

Connecting the dots: The relevance of the UNFCCC COP process for South Africa's climate change agenda

The United Nations Climate Change Conferences, known as COPs, play a pivotal role in shaping global climate action. This session will outline the key outcomes of COP28, discuss the priorities for COP29, and highlight its significance for South Africa's national climate agenda, especially for entrepreneurship.

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Speakers

Ms. Cecilia Kinuthia-Nienga - Director for Intergovernmental Support and Collective Progress Division at the UNFCCC

Ms. Bhavna Deonarain - Senior Project Manager: Climate, Energy and Water at the National Business Initiative (NBI)

Ms. Shamiela Reid - Senior Projects Coordinator at Indalo Inclusive South Africa NPC Mr. Nokwazi Movo - Sustainable Development Expert at UNIDO South Africa

10:30-10:50 Tea Break

10:50-12:30

Perspective on procedural justice, inclusion and engagement in the Just **Energy Transition**

Presidential Climate Commission (PCC) shares insights on inclusive and procedurally just processes and practices. The session will look at the underlying research prepared by ICLEI Africa to better facilitate knowledge-sharing and collaboration to address the challenges and explore the opportunities for successful just energy transition stakeholder engagements.

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Blessing Manale - PCC Head of Communications Ntombizodidi Mapapu - ICLEI Africa

Speakers

Ms. Mbali Baduza - PCC Commissioner, and Deputy-Secretary of the Climate Justice Coalition of South Africa

Dr Michael Boulle - ICLEI Africa Palesa Charity Nhlapo - Dipaleseng Community Representative Mr. Fulgencio Garrido Ruiz- Deputy Ambassador Delegation of the European Union to RSA

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Ms. Celiwe Mabasa - SAWEA Social Impact Committee Chairperson Mr Devan Pillay, Head Employment Strategy, PCC Mr. Philani Mngomezulu - Founder of Khuthala Environmental Care Group

12:30-13:00

Announcement

Indalo Inclusive will announce a new and exciting partnership with an organisation in the renewable energy space and sign a MOU.

13:00-14:00 Lunch and Networking session

14:00-15:20

Exploring regional partnership opportunities amongst enterprise support organisations and entrepreneurs in Southern and East Africa

The session will explore various models, initiatives, and collaborations aimed at fostering entrepreneurship, addressing regional economic dynamics and promoting climate smart innovation within the diverse contexts of these regions. Featuring enterprises from Kenya and South

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Murendeni Mafumo - Founder of Kusini Water

Speakers

Maya Zaken - Co-founder of Philafeed Dominic Wanjihia - Biogas International Ltd Samuel Shilaiiru - Acacia EPZ Limited Savio Wambugu - Mt Kenya Hub David Cheboryot - E4Impact Entrepreneurship Centre Ntuthuko Nyandeni - The Innovation Hub: Climate Innovation Centre SA Isabel du Toit - Fetola

Dr Mao Amis - African Centre for a Green Economy

15:30-17:00

SiAGIA Award CeremonyFor the past 3 years, and with support from Nedbank, Indalo has been implementing the South African Green and Inclusive Enterprise Awards and Support Programme (SiAGIA). The programme aims to support innovative entrepreneurial solutions that contribute to the evidence base for climate change bringing about a climate resilient society and an inclusive green economy, which addresses the country's triple challenges of poverty, unemployment, and inequality. At this year's symposium we will recognise 12 beneficiaries of the programme for the year 2023/24 with innovative solutions in the Agricuture, Water, Energy and Waste sectors.

Speaker

Wendy Selebi - Nedbank Trustee

17:00

Networking session and cocktail

The networking event will feature entertainment from local performing artists and will offer an opportunity for bi-lateral informal connections among participants.

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9:00-11:00

Breakfast session & the launch of an innovative finance mechanism

Announcement of an initiative which will contribute in shaping the development of a funding pipeline for social and green entrepreneurship in South Africa.

11:00-11:20

Reconvening and briefing of the day's proceedings

The programme for the day will be communicated to guests, and they will be directed to the various breakaway rooms for the 4 parallel sessions.

11:20-13:30 Parallel Breakaway Sessions

1. Building partnerships for climate action and just transition awareness campaign

The Presidential Climate Commission shares insights on the development of a national climate action awareness campaign to mobilize a groundswell partnership between various role players. The session will also investigate the recent Human Sciences Research Council Survey on Public Perception on Climate Change and highlights of the State of Climate Action Report.

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Presidential Climate Commission
The Ethical Agency
Human Sciences Research Council
Global Strategic Communications Council
Mail & Guardian
South African Climate Action Network
Climate Comms Campaign
Kaya FM & Internews Network

2. Climate Resilience Support – Experiences, opportunities and partnerships

UNIDO will lead a session which will draw on the expertise of local and international stakeholders in the water-energy-food nexus approach to climate resilience in order to promote identification of opportunities, collaboration and partnerships.

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UNIDO
VITO (Belgium-Flanders)
National Cleaner Production Centre - South Africa (NCPC-SA)
Water Research Commission
Technology Innovation Agency

3. Sustainable Livelihoods: The role of green & inclusive entrepreneurship in South Africa's Just Transition

Green and inclusive entrepreneurship plays a crucial role in facilitating a just transition. This session delves into this discussion and explores how embracing inclusive practices, leveraging supportive policies, engaging with climate finance opportunities, and utilizing innovation and technology can empower entrepreneurs to succeed in this domain.

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Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Land & Environment Affairs (DARDLEA)
National Cleaner Production Centre of South Africa (NCPC-SA)
Gender CC
Dipaleseng Task Team
African Centre for a Green Economy

4. Biodiversity Economy: Opportunities for Pro-Nature enterprises and naturebased solutions

This session will look at the opportunities presented by the biodiversity economy and how pronature enterprises can accelerate the achievement of conservation objectives. It is also aimed at exchanging knowledge on implementing pro-nature solutions within different contexts.

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Conservation South Africa (CSA) Timbavati Foundation SANParks

13:30-14:30 Lunch and Networking session

14:30-15:15

Symposium synopsis, wrap up and evaluation

The event will conclude with a session reflecting on the key insights, learnings and take aways from the various discussions and engagements of the Symposium.

15:15 Symposium Programme Ends