



BIODIVERSITY AS MAJOR AXIS of JUST and GREEN RECOVERY

16.9.2020 (10h00-12h30 & 15h00)

2021 is the year for Biodiversity: the IUCN World Conservation Congress in France will address the issue of Nature conservation, and the COP 15 of the UN Convention on Biological diversity in China will adopt a post-2020 biodiversity framework that should raise the highest ambition possible. Biodiversity needs to be protected, especially after the Covid crisis: All Team Europe including French actors are committed to working with South-Africa on a peer-to-peer basis to extend common knowledge and improve protected area management. But biodiversity is also an economic driver which provides sustainable jobs, supports local development, improves health and the quality of life. Biodiversity is a major aspect of just and green recovery and the Biodiversity day will focus on concrete examples for a more resilient and sustainable economy.

Programme:

10:00 – Round table on Biodiversity as a major axis of just and green recovery

Introduction: Biodiversity facing covid crisis and green recovery

H.E. Aurelien Lechevallier Ambassador of France to South Africa

H.E. Dr. Riina Kionka, Ambassador of the European Union to South Africa

Khorommbi Matibe, Chief Director: Biodiversity Economy & Sustainable use, Dept. Environment, Forest, Fisheries

Session 1 - International action: 2021, new year for biodiversity?

- IUCN World Conservation Congress

Luther Anukur, IUCN Regional Director, Eastern and Southern Africa

- Kunming COP

H.E. Yann Wehring, Ambassador of France for environment, Paris

Malta Qwathkana, National CBD focal point, Dep. Environment, Forest, Fisheries

-Dialogue with local authorities and civil society towards post2020 biodiversity framework
Ntakadzeni Tshidada, Deputy Director, Department Environment, Forest, Fisheries
Simangele Msweli, Coordinator of the Global Youth Biodiversity network

Session 2 - Conservation facing covid crisis

- French-South-African cooperation on biodiversity
Carl Bernadac, French development agency
- Parks as a driver for tourism and local development
Luthando Dziba , SanParks, Managing Executive Conservation Services
Jean-Philippe Delorme, Reunion Island National Park, Director
- Biodiversity as a way to promote SA expertise in austral Africa
Domitilla Raimondo, project of regional mapping
Cyrille Barnerias, French Office for Biodiversity
- IUCN SOS Save the Species
Anne Mugo, IUCN representative

Session 3 - Biodiversity as an economic driver

- Biodiversity as an economic asset
Riaan Grobler, StatSA, Natural Capital Accounting and Environmental Economic Accounts
- Transformative adaptation to support the green economy
Emily Jones, Trees and Carbon program manager tbc
- Ecological infrastructures
Solomon Shahid, eThekweni Transformative Riverine Management Program
- Nature-based solutions
Nikolas Bosscher, General representation of the Government of Flanders
- Bio-entrepreneurship and community development
Retang Phaahla, cofounder of Setšong Tea Crafters

12:30 – Inauguration of the exhibition “biodiversity is life”

15:00 – Film projection “Home” Yann Artus Bernard

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