

Celebrating World Environment Day

Closing of SWITCH Business support component and launch of InTex in South Africa

Friday 4 June (11.00-13.00)

Milk Plum Cafe in the Pretoria Botanical Gardens

With the occasion of World Environment Day on 5 June, this event marks the closing of the Business Support Component under SWITCH Africa Green II and the launch of InTex activities in SA.

11.00–11.20 Opening

- 11.05-11.10 Ms Riina Kionka, European Union Ambassador to South Africa
- 11.10-11.15 Ms Nardos Bekele-Thomas, UN Resident Coordinator
- 11.15-11.20 Dr Thulie Khumalo, Deputy Director-General: Climate Change and Air Quality, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE)
- 11.20-11.25 Ms Ilze Baron, Director: Green Industries, Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (the dtic)

11.25–11.45 SWITCH Business Support Closing Ceremony

- 11.45-11.55 **Farmer2Market: project results** – Johnson Bungu, Solidaridad Network
- 11.55-12.00 **Delivery of certificates to Farmer2Market farmers**
- 12.00-12.10 **Sustainable practices in the clay brick sector: project results** – Mariana Lamont, Clay Brick (tbc)
- 12.10-12.20 **Delivery of trophy and certificates to clay brick makers**

12.20-12.35 Launch of InTex activities in SA

- 12.20-12.25 **Overview of InTex** by Ms Cecilia Njenga, Regional Programme Coordinator, Southern Africa, UNEP
- 12.25-12.35 **InTex in SA** by Ms Thembi Kodisang- Sibanda, National Cleaner Production Centre South Africa (NCPC-SA), and Ms. Zubeida Zwavel, Centre for African Resource Efficiency and Sustainability (CARES)

12.35-12.40 Closing

12.35-12.40 Closing by Ms Lidia Afonso Gallegos, EU Delegation to South Africa

12.40-12.45 3 minute video boosting green entrepreneurship as part of just and green recovery collaboration RSA-EU

12h40-13h00 Cocktail

SWITCH

SWITCH Africa Green supports stakeholders in Africa in achieving sustainable development by transitioning to an inclusive green economy based on sustainable consumption and production. It provides opportunities for the private sector to move to more resource-efficient, environmentally sound business practices that also increase profitability, create green jobs and reduce poverty. The programme is funded by the European Union (EU) and implemented in partnership by the EU and UNEP in seven countries: Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, South Africa and Uganda. In South Africa the project is implemented in partnership with several Government Departments led by the Deputy Director General, Department of Forestry Fisheries & the Environment (DFFE).

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InTex

The project "Innovative Business Practices and Economic Models in the Textile Value Chain" (InTex) is a three-year UNEP project funded by the European Union (EU). InTex aims to support the transition to circularity in the textile value chain. The project has two global components aimed at supporting informed decision-making and evidence based policy and three components focusing on national implementation in three countries in Africa: Kenya, South Africa and Tunisia.

The South African chapter will be jointly implemented by the National Cleaner Production Centre South Africa (NCPC-SA) and Centre for African Resource Efficiency and Sustainability (CARES).

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