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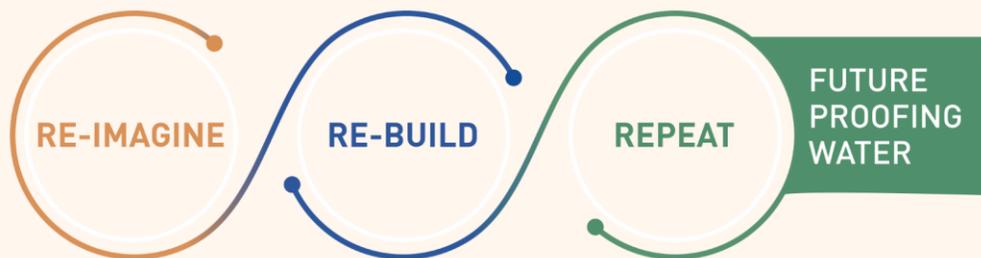
POOLING PERSPECTIVES ON ECOLOGICAL INFRASTRUCTURE RESTORATION INVESTMENT

Tuesday, 21 September 2021 | 11:00-13:00 (CAT)

The Covid-19 pandemic has taught us that we cannot be resilient in isolation. The rate of unemployment is at a record high in South Africa. The degradation of our natural resources impacts our water security. We need safe spaces to pool our diverse perspectives and collectively develop solutions to these challenges. Unlocking and finding sustainable finance for the restoration of the ecological infrastructure and its strategic integration with built infrastructure solutions is vital. This session invites you, our colleagues in the water sector, as well as those from all tiers of government, the private sector and civil society to share your insights and knowledge in a conversation with experts working in partnerships to find solutions to sustainable restoration of ecological infrastructure and alleviating dam siltation.

The session will tackle the possibilities that have been identified to date and how best to unblock the barriers to financing mechanisms from a private and public sector perspective. The efforts of the Department of Water and Sanitation's National Siltation Management Strategy for Dams in South Africa will highlight how we can improve siltation management and increase dam storage capacity across South Africa, as well as improve ecological infrastructure and stimulate local economies and cost-recovery. Representatives from the private sector and civil society will discuss future priorities that can unblock the barriers to financing mechanisms. We will share experiences of the Department of Forestry Fisheries and Environment in addressing restoration of degraded landscapes that links biodiversity conservations with socio-economic development in line with government priorities: the processes, achievements, lessons and experiences in reaching Land Degradation Neutrality Targets for South Africa. The South African National Biodiversity Institute will share experiences in strengthening partnerships, institutions and the finance and policy mechanisms that exist for mobilising investment in ecological infrastructure for water security in two South African catchments.

The session will take the format of a panel discussion with panelists sharing presentations introducing their perspectives. Participants of the session will be invited into conversation with the panelists and follow up conversations and actions of importance will be identified.



Chair: Michelle Hiestermann, WRC

11:00	Welcome and introductions <i>Participants to introduce themselves and their organisations in the chat</i>	Michelle Hiestermann, WRC
11:15	Welcome and introduction to a conversation on the importance of investment in alleviating siltation	Mr Anton Cartwright, Econologic
11:20	The importance of a National Dam Siltation Management Programme in South Africa	Lesego Gaegane, WRC
11:30	The strategic importance of addressing the alleviation of siltation	Frank Denys, Zutari
11:40	Draft National Dam Siltation Management Strategy findings and partnership needs	Anya Eilers, Zutari
11:45	Importance of the Draft National Dam Siltation Management Strategy to Nedbank	Redeem Ngadze, Nedbank
12:00	Tea break	
12:10	Land Degradation Neutrality Targets for South Africa	Mr Asivhanzhi Makhale, DFFE
12:30	Partnership coordination for mobilising financing in ecological infrastructure restoration and monitoring	Nontutuzelo Gola, SANBI
12:45 – 13:00	Discussion: Building our network and resources	Michelle Hiestermann, WRC