

SESSION 1:

AFRIALLIANCE ROADSHOW – INNOVATIONS IN WATER REUSE AND POTENTIAL OF NEW WATER RESOURCES

Chair: Tiyani Chauke (WRC) | Venue: Boardroom 2

The purpose of this event is to help water innovators and technopreneurs find technology development and access opportunities: i.e. potential collaborators. It is also to provide a platform for innovators to showcase and market their solutions as well a source of growth opportunities (customers for their solutions) nationally and continentally, since the event will take place in the margins of the WRC symposium. At the core of the roadshow is enhance knowledge sharing and technology transfer. The roadshow will serve a great platform to facilitate matchmaking for the innovators with potential funders, local and national government bodies, business and other pertinent stakeholders.

The topic of the roadshow follows from the overarching theme of the Social Innovation Fact Sheet (Sifs) "Innovation in Water reuse and potential of new water resources". In this regard the event will have a special on novel innovations/technologies or solutions that address water reuse (wastewater treatment or novel use of water water) and new water resources (desalination, groundwater and others). The event will include technology exhibitions and demonstrations of various technologies from a wide range of organisations working in the water sector from African countries. The event will also provide a platform for the participants to discuss key issues or bottlenecks around innovation value chain and commercialisation. Equally, it will a look best practice and potential enablers for taking water innovations of water reuse or new water resources to the market.

The roadshow aims to draw participants from water research development and innovation (RDI) performing start-ups and or Small Micro and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), RDI coordinating and funding organisation, Government / policy makers, Business, Business chambers, Universities, Centres of excellence, Municipalities, wastewater treatment plants and other key partners and stakeholders within the water sector and human settlement sector.

PROGRAMME

11:00 – 11:05	Welcome and introduction	Mamohloding Tihagale (WRC)
11:05 – 11:10	Introduction of the water reuse and potential new resources of water	Jean-Marie Kileshye Onema
11:10 – 11:20	Innovation showcasing (pitches): Innovators	EDC tank, Sizana, LooAfrique, VulAmanzi, Impact free water
11:20 – 11:50	Technology and innovation demonstration and networking	Tendai Polite Chibarabada
11:50 – 12:20	Panel discussion: Bottlenecks around innovation value chain and key enablers as well as best practice for innovation commercialisation	
12:20 – 12:50	AfriAlliance information and solutions sharing	Tarryn Quayle
12:50 – 13:00	Summary and closing remarks	Tiyani Chauke