

Green SMME recovery - policy input dialogue

#EU_SAAtalk

Date: 2 September 2020

Time: 14:00 – 16:30

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Context

- EU and RSA are long-term strategic partners, this includes the EU being a reliable long-term partner of RSA to address covid-19 challenges, and realise green recovery opportunities.
- A 'green' recovery (doing no harm, building back better) protects people's lives and livelihoods.
- Global solidarity, open and fair trade and multilateralism are more important than ever; we need to join forces to define together global approaches and standards for a green recovery.
- South Africa needs to #buildbackbetter after the covid-19 crises. This is a window of opportunity to pivot towards a just transition.
- Insights about current (international and SA) green recovery approaches & initiatives, and barriers to implementation, will inform policy development towards investment practices that can aid the just transition.
- This event will explore these themes, in dialogue.



Seminar 1 – Programme (2 September)

Time start	Presenter	Organisation	Topic
	Plenary session		
14:00	Heather Sonn <i>Managing Director of Gamiro Investment Holdings; GreenCape board of directors</i>	GreenCape	Welcome, programme overview & speaker introductions
14:05	Annelize van der Merwe <i>Director: Green Economy Industries</i>	dtic	Environmentally sustainable economic growth to #buildbackbetter
14:10	Roberto Cecutti <i>Head of Economics and Trade</i>	EU delegation to South Africa	Role of the EU Commission in SA - Collaborative learning in a time of crises
14:20	Christian Egenhofer <i>Senior Research Fellow within the Energy, Resources and Climate Change Unit</i>	CEPS	Global context: Just transition and a Green New Deal
14:30	Jesse Burton <i>Senior Associate of E3G</i>	UCT / E3G	South African context: What's at stake?
14:40	TBC – Jesse Weinberg <i>Executive Head: SME Customer Segment</i>	RMB	A local economic outlook for SMMEs in SA
14:50	Nazeem Hendricks <i>Technical Financial Analyst</i>	National Treasury's Jobs Fund	SA initiatives in support of SMME recovery
14:55	Heather Sonn / Cilnette Pienaar	GreenCape	Explaining breakaway sessions + next steps

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	Break-away sessions (15:00 - 15:30)		
15:00 – 15:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Gaylor Montmasson-Clair <i>Senior Economist: Sustainable Growth</i> (Supported by Mike Mulcahy & Nick Fordyce)</p>	TIPS	<p>Approaches to green SMME recovery - International & Local</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Economic models? - Finance mechanisms? - Policy priorities?
	<p style="text-align: center;">Henrik Bjørnager Jensen <i>Director, CLEAN International</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Zaida Jackson <i>Manager: Cape Town, SEDA</i> (Supported by Jarrod Lyons & Thula Zondi)</p>	Clean & SEDA	<p>Structures / networks for collaboration on green SMME recovery - International & Local</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clustering? What is working / isn't working / what will make it work better? - Networks like C40? - SEDA
	<p style="text-align: center;">Phumelele Ngcobo <i>Project Manager - The Jobs Fund</i> (Supported by Meg van Vlaanderen & Sine Ngubane)</p>	National Treasury	<p>Metrics / Targets: How will we know if its working? How do we define success? [a) of this intervention and b) of impactful policy implementation?]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overlaying green metrics (GOF) with impact metrics (job creation / investment)? - Considering innovation metrics
	<p style="text-align: center;">Ariane Labat <i>EU Delegation counsellor for Climate Action, Environment and Agriculture</i> (Supported by Adila Cassim & Marielle Hurter)</p>	EU delegation to South Africa	<p>Barriers experienced by SMMEs / Which policies have to be influenced to remove the barriers?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legislation - Investment environment - Red-tape (immediate difficulties to access recovery packages) - Skills - (EU green deal legislation: Product passports / Packaging - may create barriers / opportunities to innovate) - Trade implications of the European green deal - Export opportunities

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	Feedback session (15:45 - 16:20)		
15:45	Megan van Vlaanderen (Chief Financial Officer)	GreenCape	The policy pilot project - Financial support to green SMMEs
15:55	Gaylor Montmasson-Clair (Senior Economist: Sustainable Growth)	TIPS	Feedback BA 1
16:00	Henrik Bjørnager Jensen (Director, CLEAN International)	Clean	Feedback BA 2
16:05	Phumelele Ngcobo (Project Manager - The Jobs Fund)	Jobs Fund	Feedback BA 3
16:10	Ariane Labat (EU Delegation counsellor for Climate Action, Environment and Agriculture)	EU Commission	Feedback BA 4
16:15	Heather Sonn	GreenCape	Closing, next steps

RSVP

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Thank you!

