

2018 WRSA/COTTONDALE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

FRIDAY 23 MARCH 2018

07:00-16:00 Registration

07:30-09:15 Advisory Committees: Annual General Meetings

Official Opening of Conference

09:30-09:40 Welcome

09:40-10:00 *Keynote address:* Dr Mathews Phosa

10:00-10:15 *Special message by President of Agri SA*
Mr Dan Kriek

10:15-10:35 *Domestic trade in rhino horn and the road to CITES CoP18*
Mr Pelham Jones, PROA

10:35-11:20 **Tea Break**

11:20-11:40 *Ecotourism preferences for nature-based tourism products*
Prof Peet van der Merwe, North-West University

11:40-11:55 *Challenges facing the Professional Hunting industry*
Mr Dries van Coller, President PHASA

11:55-12:10 *Challenged Activities – Owning Guns & Killing Things*
Mr Stephen Palos, CEO CHASA

12:10-12:35 *People in Parks*
Mrs Esther Netshivongweni, Chairperson: Limpopo People in Parks

12:35-13:00 *Genetics: A valuable tool for managing and conserving our wildlife*
Dr Ben Greyling, Agricultural Research Council

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-14:30 *Feedback on latest developments*

14:00-14:30 *Latest developments on DEA and Biodiversity Economy Programme*
(Wildlife in particular)

Mr Khorommbi Matibe (DEA)

Ms Magdel Boshoff (DEA)

Mr Joel Mamabolo (DAFF)

14:30-14:50 *Strengthening Africa's emerging wildlife economies*
Dr Francis Vorhies, (Earthmind) with Mr Michael 't Sas-Rolfes

14:50-15:15 *Voluntary Certification Scheme for the Wildlife Industry*
Dr Jeanetta Selier, SANBI

- 15:15-15:35 Feedback on two studies partially funded by WRSA:
1. *Land use Analysis*: Prof Peet van der Merwe, North-West University
2. *The untapped potential of game meat as food source, a consumer perspective*: Prof Elmarie Slabbert, North-West University

15:35-15:50 Introduction to break-away sessions

AFTERNOON BREAK-AWAY SESSIONS: (CHOOSE ONE TO ATTEND)

- 16:00-17:00 Option 1: **MAKHULU VENUE**
Cost effective game nutrition
Dr Conrad Coetzer, Wildswinkel Voere
- Option 2: **DAY LILLY ROOM**
Permitting issues for wildlife
Messrs Pelham Jones & Izak du Toit, PROA
- Option 3: **MELSETTER ROOM**
Ticks on wildlife in perspective
Dr Sumari Potgieter, Afrivet
- Option 4: **BACCHUS ROOM**
The Internet of Things
Mr Jacques du Toit, VOX Telecom

SATURDAY 24 MARCH 2018

09:00-09:10 Opening & Welcome

09:10-09:50 RESEARCH IN THE WILDLIFE DOMAIN

09:10-09:30 *Meat production potential of Blue Wildebeest*
Ms Alretha van Heerden
(Blue wildebeest donated by Mr Barry York)

09:30-09:50 *Meat production potential of Impala*
Ms Retha Engels
(Impala donated by Castle de Wildt)

09:50-10:15 *The importance of animal health*
Dr Pieter Vervoort, National Animal Health Forum

10:15-10:45 *Conflict Resolution in the wildlife industry*
Prof Charl C. de Witt, Attorney (non-practising)

10:45-11:30 TEA BREAK

11:30-11:55 *Land Reform and the Wildlife Industry*
Mr Theo Venter, political and policy specialist, North-West University,
School for Business and Governance

11:55-12:20 *The Ramaphosa effect – higher growth beckons*
Dr Roelof Botha, Independent Economist & Faculty Member: GIBS

12:20-12:50 Q&A to Panel: Dr Roelof Botha, Messrs Theo Venter & Dan Kriek

12:50 Closing

13:00-13:45 Lunch

14:00 WRSA Annual General Meeting