



Workshop for Entrepreneurs and End Users

Date: 25 – 26 August 2022

Venue: The Capital Zimbali, 5 Corkwood Dr, Zimbali Coastal Estate, Dolphin Coast, Durban Central, 4420

Time : 08:00 - 16:00

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Water Research Commission invite you to participate in a workshop on innovation and entrepreneurship within South Africa's water sector.

The workshop follows a joint water innovation challenge issued by the UNDP and WRC in 2020. The challenge identified seven innovators that we're developing solutions that could address South Africa's water challenges. These innovators were provided with financial and technical support during the trial period.

Bosch Capital, Bosch Projects and Isle Utilities were subsequently appointed by the WRC and UNDP to evaluate the outcomes of the challenges to develop knowledge products and learnings that could assist the seven selected innovators and others to achieve commercialisation of their technologies.

The purpose of the workshop is to share the learnings from the challenge, as well as launch the knowledge products that have been developed. These outcomes are expected to be useful to Entrepreneurs, End Users and other interested water sector stakeholders. See the full programme below.



Programme – Day 1 (25 August 2022)

Time	Activity	Speaker	Comment
08:00 – 09:00	Registration	All	
09:00 – 09:30	Welcome and Introduction	Manjusha Sunil (WRC) & Klariska Moodley (UNDP)	Set the scene and introduce the sessions and provide feedback on the process that has unfolded thus far.
09:30 – 11:00	Findings from the evaluation process and general challenges associated with technology demonstrations	Bosch Capital, Bosch Projects and Isle Utilities	Feedback to the Innovators on some of the key findings of the evaluation process.
Break (30 minutes)			
11:30 – 13:00	The official launch of the knowledge product	Principals at WRC, DSI and UNDP	An extended version of the mini-launch was held at the workshop in December.
Lunch (1 hour)			
14:00 – 16:00	The Knowledge Product	Bosch Capital, Bosch Projects and Isle Utilities	Share the knowledge products with the Innovators and how this can be used.

Programme – Day 2 (26 August 2022)			
Time	Activity	Speaker	Comment
08:00 – 09:00	Registration	All	
09:00 – 11:00	Applying the knowledge product	All	This could include the preparation work conducted by the Innovators before the workshop. Structured break-away groups that work on specific aspects of the knowledge production and then provide feedback. End Users that are present could be included in groups with Innovators.
Break (30 minutes)			
11:30 – 13:00	The disconnect between the End User and Innovator	Umgeni Water, eThekweni Municipality.	End-Users can share their perspectives on the challenges experienced with Innovations
Lunch (1 hour)			
14:00 – 15:30	Plenary	Bosch Capital, Bosch Projects, Isle Utilities, WRC and UNDP	Plenary session to encourage further discussion.
15:30 – 16:00	Closure	WRC and UNDP	