



Conservation Leadership and Futures Thinking – why is it important?

Southern Africa is blessed with a precious abundance of globally significant biodiversity, including some of the most iconic protected areas on the planet. However, the next 50 years will be a watershed period for conservation amidst the various growing challenges such as climate change, population pressure and resource scarcity. You are hereby invited to a webinar hosted by the North West University, Research Unit for Environmental Sciences and Management as well as the Namibia University of Science and Technology, Biodiversity Research Centre, to share views on the importance of conservation leadership and futures thinking within the conservation sector. The four panel members who will be leading the webinar are:

Prof Francois Retief: Prof Retief is a professor in environmental management at the North-West University, Potchefstroom Campus. He completed his PhD at the University of Manchester and his research interest is on the effectiveness of various environmental policy instruments such as environmental impact assessment, strategic environmental assessment, conservation planning and the proclamation of protected areas. He has published more than 100 peer reviewed publications and has a C1 research rating from the NRF.

Prof Morgan Hauptfleisch: Prof Hauptfleisch is a wildlife and environmental scientist with a background in conservation management. He leads Namibia University of Science and Technology's

Biodiversity Research Centre (NUST-BRC). His current conservation research studies span Namibia, Angola and Ghana. He is a board member of the Namibian Chamber of Environment which supports over 50 Namibian conservation and environmental NGOs. He is active in research and practice to link parks and neighbours in landscape level conservation.

Mr Jeremia Amutenya: Mr. Amutenya is a Chief Warden in Namibia's Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism and for seven years was in charge of Khaudum National Park. He holds a Masters in Natural Resource Management and is currently a PhD Candidate at the NUST-BRC looking at the Bioeconomy of Landscape-level conservation.

Dr Claudine Roos: Dr. Roos is a senior lecturer at the North-West University, Potchefstroom Campus. She is the manager of the Environmental Management sub-programme within the Research Unit for Environmental Sciences and Management. She is responsible for facilitating the Masters programme in Environmental Management with specialization in Waste Management. Her protected areas research focuses on waste management and waste-related behaviour.

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