

BMF Conference Programme

18 & 19 October 2022 – Johannesburg – Holiday Inn Airport
100 N Rand Road – Bardene, Boksburg



Conference Theme: Mine Closure – The Burning Issue of our Times

Day One

Time	Item
11.00 – 11.30	1. Opening and Welcoming address by Chairperson of the Board of the Bench Marks Foundation: Rt Rev Dr Jo Seoka
11.30 – 11.45	2. Presentation of Conference Agenda and Procedure: Busi Thabane
11.45 – 12.30	3. Address by Guest Speaker: Ntombifuthi Monedi-Noko (PhD Candidate Wits University)
12.30 – 12.45	4. The Bench Marks Foundation. The Path travelled – Covid and Beyond: Moses Cloete
12.45 – 2.00	Lunch
2.00 – 3.15	5. Bench Marks Foundation Staff present their Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Presentation by Research Team b. Presentation by Community Monitoring School c. Media and Advocacy
3.15 – 3.25	6. Introduction to group sessions and responsibilities: Busi Thabane
3.25 – 3.40	Tea in Working Groups
3.40 – 5.30	7. Working Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Zama Zamas and Artisanal Mining Moderator: Dale McKinley (ILRIG) Panel: Tiny Dhlamini (Community activist, Snakepark), Kgothatso Hlengethwa (Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining Consultant and Advisor), Zethu Hlatshwayo (NAAM Spokesperson) 2. Mine Closure and Post Closure Management & Launch of Jagersfontein Report Moderator: Henk Coetzee (Council for Geoscience) Panel: David van Wyk (Bench Marks Foundation), David Viljoen (UCT), Marian Manuel (Mintek), Jennifer Mohamed Katarere (Riverlea Mining Forum), Clyde Mallinson (Energy Expert) 3. Community Perspectives – How to make danger zones visible? Brainstorming the idea of a Danger Zone List to be set up and managed by Community Activists living in communities near mines in South Africa Moderators: Olebogeng Monene and Bobby Marie with Facilitators of the Community Monitoring School 4. Regional Solidarity Table Moderator: Hassen Lorgat (Bench Marks Foundation) Panel: Claude Kabemba (SARW), Moses Cloete (Bench Marks Foundation), Sharon Ekambaram (Lawyers for Human Rights), Samantha Hargreaves (Womin), Bonginkosi Mrasi (NUM Gauteng Regional Secretary), Busi Thabane (Bench Marks Foundation)
5.30 – 6.00	Break
6.00 – 7.00	8. Evening Programme: Recognition of activists and facilitators working in the community monitoring school, poetry and song
7.00 – 8.00	Dinner

Day Two

Time	Item
9.00 – 9.15	9. Opening of Day 2: Busi Thabane
9.15 – 9.45	10. Working Groups Report back
9.45 – 10.30	11. Questions, Answers and Discussion
10.30 – 11.00	Tea
11.00 – 1.00	12. Panel discussion with major stakeholders around Mine Closure. What has not been done and what has to be done? Minerals Council, DMRE, Parliament, SAHRC and Civil Society.
1.00 – 1.15	13. Final statement by Bench Marks Foundation
1.15 – 1.30	14. Conference Closing by Chairperson of the Board of the Bench Marks Foundation: Rt Rev Dr Jo Seoka
1.30	Lunch and Departure