

# 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

| Time          | Day One, 18 October  |
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| 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   |
|               | 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  |
|               | 1. Zama Zamas and Artisanal Mining<br>Moderator: Dale McKinley (ILRIG)<br>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<br>Moderator: Henk Coetzee (Council for Geoscience)<br>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?<br>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<br>Moderators: Olebogeng Motene and Bobby Marie with Facilitators of the Community Monitoring School          |
|               | 4. Regional Solidarity Table<br>Moderator: Hassen Lorgat (Bench Marks Foundation)<br>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   |

| Time          | Day Two, 19 October   |
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| 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 on Mine Closure: What has not been done and what has to be done -<br>Moderator: Hassan Lorgat, Panel: Tebello Chabana (Minerals Council), Louis Snyman (Centre for Applied Legal Studies, Wits University), Mariette Lieferrink (Foundation for Sustainable Development) and SAHRC (tbc) |
| 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   |