



## International Workshop: Advancing Private-Public Partnerships to mainstream Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use in Biodiversity Economy Voluntary Sustainability Standards

Date: 19-20 August 2024

Venue: Protea Hotel Pretoria Loftus Park 416 Kirkness St, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0007, South Africa

Programme Director: Mr Stanley Tshitwamulomon

### Day 1: VSS Situational Analysis and Strategy

Time: 09:00-16:00

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<b>1.</b>	<b>Opening session</b>	
08:00-09:00	Registration & Networking	All
09:00-09:15	Opening, Introductions and Purpose of the Workshop	Programme Director
09:15-09:25	Welcome Remarks	Ms Flora Mokgohloa, DDG: Biodiversity and Conservation
09:25-09:35	Welcome Remarks (video message)	Ms. Luz Maria de la Mora, Director of Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD
09:35-09:45	Welcome Remarks	Mr. Daniel Lauchenauer, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO
<b>2.</b>	<b>Biodiversity Conservation on Sustainable Use (CSU) Frameworks</b> <b>Facilitator: Ms Mukondi Matshusa</b> <b>Rapporteur: Ms Nonhlanhla Skosana</b>	
09:45-09:55	CSU obligations and initiatives - Convention on Biological / Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (video message)	Ms Bianca Lisboa Da Camara Brasil, Secretariat of the CBD
09:55-10:15	- Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-Sharing (ABS): ABS for Conservation	Prof. Neil Crouch SANBI
10:15-10:55	UNCTAD BioTrade Principles and Criteria (P&C) - Overview and findings of the VSS study - P&C application by Peru (PromPeru)	Ms Lika Sasaki UNCTAD Ms. Caridad Maldonado Adanaqué, Trade, Commission for the

10:55-11:15	Connecting international obligations and public policy with VSS (Virtual)	Promotion of Peruvian Exports and Tourism (PROMPERU)  Mr. Santiago Fernandez De Cordoba, UNCTAD/UNFSS
11:15-11:30	Discussion	All
11:30-11:45	<b>TEA/COFFEE</b>	
11:45-12:30	Fishbowl Discussion: CSU in practice <b>Facilitator:</b> Mr Khuthadzo Mahamba	Biodiversity and Conservation, DFFE
12:30-13:15	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Voluntary Sustainable Standards: Fauna and Flora</b> <b>Facilitator: Ms Preshanthie Naicker</b> <b>Rapporteur: Mr Bandile Mkhwanazi</b>	
13:15-13:30	BioFIN- investing in Voluntary Sustainability Standards	Ms Nokutula Mhene, UNDP
13:30-14:10	International VSS in the South African Biodiversity-based Sector Discussion	Ms. Deborah Vorhies, Fairwild Foundation
14:10-14:40 15 min. each	National VSS initiatives a) Introduction to local initiatives b) Draft RSA CSU Biotrade Charter c) Wildlife Sustainability Standard and Certification Scheme	Ms Dineo Hexana, SABS  Ms Marthane Swart Ms Tseleng Mabunda, DFFE
14:40-15:00	Learnings from a Fauna and Flora VSS	Ms Christine Lippai, Wildlife Friendly Enterprise Network
15:20-15:55	Open Discussion: Potential for a landscape approach for SA - Highlight how enterprises in the fauna and flora economy operate  <b>Facilitator:</b> Ms Marthane Swart	UNCTAD, Fairwild Foundation; Wildlife Friendly, SMMEs, Industry Associations and other
15:55-16:00	Close of Day 1	Programme Director

## Day 2: Advancing Partnerships for implementation

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<b>1.</b>	<b>Opening</b>	
09:00-09:10	Opening and welcome	Programme Director
09:10-09:20	Expectations for day 2	All
<b>2.</b>	<b>VSS in practice</b> <b>Facilitator: Ms Lika Sasaki</b> <b>Rapporteur: Ms Marli Burger</b>	
09:20-09:40	How biodiversity initiatives can relate to other sustainability issues (e.g., deforestation; CSSD) (Virtual)	Mr. Paulo Mortara Batistic, UNCTAD
09:40-10:00	Learning from other Value Chains: Palm Oil (Virtual)	Dr. Herry Purnomo, Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)/TradeHub
10:00-10:45	Open discussion: SA Business community <b>Facilitator: Ms Marthane Swart</b>	Industry and other
10:45-11:00	<b>TEA/COFFEE</b>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Partnerships for implementation</b> <b>Facilitator: Ms Renira Boodhraj</b> <b>Rapporteur: Mr Bandile Mkhwanazi</b>	
11:00-13:00	Peer exchange: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Experience from Peru highlighting how their collaborative multistakeholder platform contributed to the growth of biodiversity-based goods and services exports.</li> <li>- Experiences from the Andean region (rural Bolivia, Ecuador, and Colombia) focusing on implementation aspects of VSS and comparative analysis of VSS understanding and implementation in these countries</li> <li>- Viet Nam from a SME perspective (video message)</li> <li>- Experiences from Latin America, Africa, and Asia regions based on the 3 regional</li> </ul>	<p>Ms. Caridad Maldonado Adanaqué, PROMPERU</p> <p>Mr. Rodrigo Ruperez Garcia Del Carrizo, Consultant</p> <p>Ms. Lisa Huyen, CEO of Vinasamex</p> <p>Ms. Jayasurya Kalakkal, UNEP</p>

	consultation workshops that were conducted in 2023. A comparative perspective on how different regions approach sustainability standards will be provided (Virtual)	
13:00-14:00	<b>LUNCH</b>	
14:00-15:00	Open discussion: Partnership for localising VSS-CSU in South Africa <b>Facilitator:</b> Ms Marthane Swart & Ms Preshanthie Naicker	Facilitated with participants Biodiversity and Conservation, DFFE
15:00-15:30	Reflections and way forward	Programme Director All
15:30-15:45	Closing Remarks	DFFE & UNCTAD
15:45	Closure	Programme Director