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The NBI is excited to introduce the new co-chair of the Advisory Committee for Environment and Society (ACES)

JUSTINE BOLTON



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NBI Welcomes New Co-Chair for Advisory Committee for Environment and Society (ACES)

The **National Business Initiative (NBI)** is thrilled to announce the appointment of Justine Bolton as the new co-chair of our esteemed **Advisory Committee for Environment and Society (ACES)**.

ACES, one of NBI's primary engagement platforms, plays a pivotal role as the key advisory body to the NBI's Environment & Society Unit. Recognising the significance of staying informed and engaged on the nation's socio-economic and environmental challenges, including the crucial transition to a net-zero carbon economy by 2050, ACES serves as a vibrant platform for in-depth discussions. The committee focuses on building the business case and fostering collaborative strategies to address systemic challenges effectively.

Justine brings a wealth of expertise and dedication to her new role. As the carbon and biodiversity specialist in FirstRand's Environmental, Nature & Climate Risk team, Justine has tirelessly worked on various fronts. Her portfolio includes groundbreaking work on carbon accounting such as financed emissions, portfolio alignment, and assessing climate change-related risks in lending and investment portfolios.

Additionally, Justine has actively championed climate resilience in the agriculture sector and led efforts in aligning disclosures with the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) and the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP). Notably, she has also delved into biodiversity

footprinting, evaluating the impacts and dependencies of portfolios on biodiversity, and informing the management of nature-related risks across FirstRand's activities.

With Justine joining the ACES team, the NBI is poised to drive transformative change and tackle the urgent environmental challenges of our time head-on. Her passion, expertise, and drive for sustainability will undoubtedly fuel ACES' commitment to developing innovative solutions and collective strategies that promote environmental responsibility within the business community.

Please join us in extending a warm congratulations to Justine on this significant appointment.

For more information on NBI's Advisory Committee for Environment and Society (ACES), please reach out to Reitumetse Molotsoane, NBI's Head of Environmental Sustainability:

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