Green Livelihoods Summit

Powering South Africa's Green Economy Future

Venue: The Forum, The Campus, Bryanston, Johannesburg
Tuesday, 13th October 2026, 08:00 – 17:00

01 / Opening Plenary

Time	Session	Speaker
08:00 – 09:00	**Arrival and Registration**	
09:00 – 09:10	**Welcome and Opening**	**Gugu McLaren-Ushewokunze,** Head: Economic Inclusion, NBI
09:10 – 09:30	**Realising Sustainable Green Livelihoods through Collective Action**	**Shameela Soobramoney,** Chief Executive Officer, NBI
09:30 – 09:45	**Youth Employment Interventions by The Presidency**	**Rudi Dicks,** Head of PMO, The Presidency
09:45 – 09:55	**Evidence-based expert presentation from recent green economy research**	**Prof. Presha Ramsarup,** Director, Wits REAL
09:55 – 10:40	**Panel Discussion:** Accelerating youth access to the green economy through inclusive skilling, employment creation, and entrepreneurial growth	**Moderator:** Gugu McLaren-Ushewokunze, Head: Economic Inclusion, NBI **Panellists** • **Simon Baloyi,** Chief Executive Officer, Sasol • **Dr Nkosinathi Sishi,** Director-General, Department of Higher Education and Training • **Anders Pedersen,** Chief Regional Power Systems Engineer, African Development Bank • **Shameela Soobramoney,** Chief Executive Officer, NBI
10:45 – 11:00	**Tea Break**	

02 / Implementation Action Lab – Breakout Room 1

Time	Session	Speaker
11:00 – 13:00	**The Implementation Action Lab** seeks to demonstrate and engage on concrete implementation approaches that can effectively support youth employment pathways in the green economy.	**Moderator:** Dr Anthony Gewer **Panellists** • **Valecia Sambo -** Daily Sambo Services • **Shamiela Reid -** Indalo Inclusive • **Ziyad Cassim -** UVU • **Sean Fenn -** JET Skills Desk

03 / Collaboration Action Lab – Breakout Room 2

Time	Session	Speaker
11:00 – 13:00	**The Collaboration Action Lab** aims to develop shared understanding of priority green livelihood pathways where collaboration can accelerate skilling, employment, and enterprise development.	**Moderator:** Noluthando Mlambo **Panellists** • **Mamphokhu Khuluvhe -** DHET JET Skills Desk • **Dana Gampal -** Eskom • **Jo-Anne Brown -** Mainstream • **Tshego Bokaba -** Momentum
13:00 – 14:00	**Lunch**	

04 / Closing Plenary

Time	Session	Speaker
14:00 – 14:30	**Consolidation of Key Outcomes from Action Labs**	**Noluthando Mlambo,** Growth Sectors Lead: Presidential Youth Employment Intervention, The Presidency **Dr Anthony Gewer,** Senior Programme Manager: Economic Inclusion, NBI
14:30 – 15:30	**Panel Discussion**	**Moderator:** Gugu McLaren-Ushewokunze, Head: Economic Inclusion, NBI **Panellists** • **Kirsten Freimann,** Portfolio Lead: Skills for a Just Energy Transition & Digital Transformation, GIZ • **Kaloli Tsekoa,** Manager: JET Portfolios, JET Project Management Unit, The Presidency • **Khutso Sekgota,** General Manager Business Development, Eskom Green • **Stephen Koopman,** Chairperson, SAWEA
15:30 – 16:15	**Charting the next phase:** A reflection on the Just Transition	• **Lindiwe Johnson,** Programme Manager: JET Skilling, NBI • **Noluthando Mthimkulu,** Senior Project Manager: JET Skilling, NBI
16:15 – 16:45	**Closing Keynote Address**	**Minister Buti Manamela,** Department of Higher Education and Training
16:45 – 17:00	**Vote of Thanks**	**Gugu McLaren-Ushewokunze,** Head: Economic Inclusion, NBI