



## **THE FINANCE AND ECONOMICS OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA**

**16:00 to 17:30, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

### **OVERVIEW**

Southern African countries must balance the nature and rate of their development against the requirements for that development to be sustainable. Growth rates are projected to be significant and this carries a consequent need to develop power, water and transport infrastructure that will potentially lock in environmental impacts like carbon emissions but also development direction. An additional challenge is the extent of the need for additional infrastructure and the current, often poor, condition of existing infrastructure. Furthermore certain issues need to be managed at a regional level, particularly energy and water. Careful decisions need to be made now to ensure that countries in Southern Africa grow at a rate that meets social development needs without impacting the sustainability of the system.

Each of the speakers has an excellent understanding of the sustainable development requirements of the region and participates in the financing of infrastructure and development within a developing region context. They will share their experiences and make recommendation on the role of private business in the development of Southern Africa.

### **PROGRAMME**

#### **Moderator:**

- Joanne Yawitch, CEO of the National Business Initiative

#### **Speakers:**

- Karin Ireton, Director: Group Sustainability Management, Standard Bank
- Wendy Poulton, General Manager Organisational Strategy, Eskom
- Andre Fourie, Head Sustainable Development, South African Breweries
- Dora Nteo, Chief Policy Advisor Sustainable Development, South African Department of Environmental Affairs

This session will provide a forum to discuss the views of the South African government and prominent business representatives from South Africa and Namibia. The panel has been carefully chosen to provide perspectives on finance and energy and water infrastructure requirements as well as providing a Government perspective. Joanne Yawitch will open the discussion with a background on the region and some of the key sustainability pressures. Joanne is the CEO of a voluntary business initiative comprising over 100 of South Africa's largest corporations.

## AGENDA

Opening and introductions (Joanne Yawitch – CEO of the National Business Initiative)  
Facilitated Panel Discussion  
Facilitated Discussion Open to the Floor  
Summation and Close



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South Africa