

## The Global Partnership for Business and Biodiversity

### Activities report by member initiatives

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Name: National Biodiversity and Business Network

Country: South Africa

Please describe the activities and projects that your initiative has been undertaking in the previous year:

#### 1. Activity/project

- Short description: Over the past year the NBBN has presented three biodiversity and business information-sharing events. One in Durban, one in Cape Town and the other in Johannesburg.
- Partners: Department of Environmental Affairs, Pick n Pay, Nedbank, De Beers, Pam Golding Properties, Transnet, Hatch, Woolworths, Eskom, Mondi, South African Sugar Association and Old Mutual
- Outcome: Three well attended biodiversity and business events, two provincial/subnational and one national.
- Further steps: The NBBN is to produce proceedings from each of the three events. The national conference is an annual event. We aim to convene the provincial/subnational events on an annual basis if possible.

#### 2. Activity/project

- Short description: The NBBN has provided the IUCN with biodiversity and mining specialist input in support of its partnership with Black Mountain Mining.
- Partners: IUCN and Black Mountain Mining
- Outcome: Progress in the mainstreaming of biodiversity into the activities of Black Mountain Mining.
- Further steps: The NBBN will continue to be involved in furthering the integration of biodiversity into the activities of Black Mountain in 2018.

#### 3. Activity/project

- Short description: The NBBN conducted a biodiversity mainstreaming readiness assessment for Eskom.
- Partners: Integrated Sustainability Services, Eskom
- Outcome: Recommendations for Eskom to further the mainstreaming of biodiversity into their business activities.
- Further steps: The NBBN aims to assist Eskom with the implementation of the recommendations made in the mainstreaming readiness assessment report.

Please briefly describe what activities and projects you are planning for the coming year:

1. To present at least three biodiversity and business information sharing events across South Africa.
2. To continue to support the IUCN with furthering the mainstreaming of biodiversity into the activities of Black Mountain Mining.
3. To work with Eskom and other NBBN partners to further the integration of biodiversity into their activities.
4. To develop an online mainstreaming biodiversity into business toolkit (funding dependent).
5. From a Government enabling perspective, the South African government through its Department of Environmental Affairs aims to integrate the NBBN or relevant activities of the NBBN under the biodiversity Economy Programme which is a presidential Initiative. The intention is to put measures in place to secure the sustainability of the NBBN.