

INVITATION

LAND – SEA INTERACTION PLANNING PROJECT LAUNCH, DURBAN, KWAZULU-NATAL

DEAR STAKEHOLDERS

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment (DFFE), together with the Nairobi Convention within the Western Indian Ocean (WIO) Large Marine Ecosystems (LME) have agreed to a strategic cooperation to implement demonstration projects regarding Land - Sea Interaction (LSI) planning for a coordinated Ocean and Coastal Ecosystem Management approach in South Africa. The Workshop will serve as an initial project launch to introduce the project's "aims and objectives" to stakeholders for the realization of the LSI in South Africa. The demonstration projects on the LSI will be earmarked for the following municipalities: eThekweni Metropolitan Municipality, King Cetshwayo District Municipality, and the uMkhanyakude District Municipality.

The demonstration project is funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) under the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) through "SAPPHIRE" for 2 years to develop the LSI plans together with identified municipalities by facilitate the following objectives:

- 1) Supporting Policy Harmonization and Management Reforms towards improved ocean governance;
- 2) Developing three oceans and coastal site plans for a coordinated ocean and coastal ecosystem management approach in South Africa; and
- 3) Delivering best practices and lessons through innovative ocean governance demonstration.

The proposed LSI Workshop sessions is planned as follows:

DATE: 28 JULY 2022
TIME: 09:30am – 14:00pm
VENUE: RADISSON BLU HOTEL, UMHLANGA, DURBAN

The draft LSI workshop programme below is attached for your consideration. The final programme will be circulated closer to the workshop date. Please R.S.V.P. your attendance to Mr Potlako Khati (email: pkhati@environment.gov.za; and/or call: 083 263 9887) by no later than 22nd July 2021.

The DFFE wishes to thank the relevant institutions for nominations of officials to participate and support the initiative. Your expertise and knowledge will be very important and valuable during this process, while undertaking the demonstration project. The intervention is important in supporting the Operation Phakisa: Oceans Economy aspirations to unlocking the economic potential of South Africa's oceans.

Yours sincerely



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