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## 45<sup>th</sup> NSTF PLENARY MEETING

***Focus of the meeting:***  
***South Africa's leadership role in the Science Sector of UNESCO***  
***and***  
***Recognition of Finalists – 2013/14 NSTF-BHP Billiton Awards***

**Friday, 6 June 2014**  
**09h00 for 09h30-16h30**  
**Emperors Palace, Convention Centre**  
**64 Jones Road, Kempton Park, Johannesburg (next to OR Tambo**  
**International Airport)**  
**Free parking for delegates attending the meeting at the convention**  
**centre**

**09h00-09h30**  
**Registration & Refreshments**  
**(Foyer of the Meeting Room inside the Convention Centre)**

### **PROGRAMME**

**Plenary meeting convenes at 9:30.**

<b>1. FIRST PLENARY SESSION – NSTF AGM</b>			
1.1	Welcome, Apologies and Purpose of the meeting	Chair of the NSTF, Prof Ali Dhansay	<b>09:30-09:50 (20 minutes)</b>
1.2	Report on auditors	Jansie Niehaus, NSTF Executive Director	

1.3	New member applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CoZa Cares Foundation under the Civil Society sector</li> <li>• The IT Coach under the Business, SMME sector</li> <li>• Schoolnet SA under the Civil Society sector</li> </ul>	Ms Niehaus	
1.4	Announcement of Next NSTF AGM & Plenary meeting (46 <sup>th</sup> ) – Friday, <b>17 October 2014</b> – 09h00 for 09h30-16h00 Emperors Palace, Gauteng	Prof Dhansay	
<b>2. SECOND PLENARY SESSION - GUEST SPEAKERS</b>			
	<b>Introduction</b>	Ms Niehaus	<b>09:50-09:55</b>
2.1	<b>Department of Science and Technology (DST)</b>	Mr Cecil Masoka, DDG (DST)	<b>09:55-10:25 (30 minutes)</b>
2.2	<b>National Commission of UNESCO in South Africa</b>	Mr Yousef Gabru, Chair of the National Commission	<b>10:25-11:05 (30 minutes)</b>
<i>(Please remember to evaluate this session on the evaluation form provided)</i>			
<b>TEA BREAK – 11:05-11:25</b>			
	<b>Introduction</b>	Ms Niehaus	<b>11:25-11:30</b>
2.3	<b>Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) – the Man and Biosphere Programme (MAB)</b>	Mr Vongani Maringa, DEA	<b>11:30-12:00 (30 min)</b>
2.4	<b>Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) – Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)</b>	Speaker to be confirmed	<b>12:00-12:30 (30 min)</b>
2.5	<b>Department of Water Affairs (DWA) – International Hydrological Programme (IHP)</b>	Mr Moloko Matlala, DWA	<b>12:30-13:00 (30 min)</b>
<i>(Please remember to evaluate this session on the evaluation form provided)</i>			
<b>LUNCH (13:00-14:00)</b> 60 minutes <b>Menu: Vegetarian and Halaal friendly</b>			
<b>3. THIRD PLENARY SESSION - GUEST SPEAKERS</b>			
	<b>Introduction</b>	Ms Niehaus	<b>14:00-14:05</b>
3.1	<b>The GeoParks Network; and International GeoSciences Programme (DEA and CGS)</b>	Dr Abraham Thomas, Council for Geoscience (CGS)	<b>14:05-14:50 45 min</b>
3.2	<b>Networking of engineers, and capacity building in Africa</b>	Mr Martin van Veelen, President of the Federation of African Engineering Organisations	<b>14:50-15:20 30 min</b>
<i>(Please remember to evaluate this session on the evaluation form provided)</i>			

<b>4. FINALISTS ANNOUNCEMENT: 2013/14 NSTF-BHP BILLITON AWARDS</b>		
<b><u>Congratulation of the Finalists of the 2013/14 NSTF-BHP Billiton Awards</u></b>  <b>Awards for individual contributions to Science, Engineering and Technology:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Contribution over a lifetime</b> – (a decade or more)</li> <li>• <b>Senior Researchers</b> – (TW Kambule NSTF-NRF Research Awards)</li> <li>• <b>Emerging Researchers</b> – (TW Kambule NSTF-NRF Awards)</li> <li>• <b>Contribution through management and related SET activities</b></li> <li>• <b>Awards for research capacity development</b> during the last 5 to 10 years (NSTF-Eskom Awards)</li> <li>• <b>Award for communication for outreach and creating awareness of science, engineering, technology and innovation</b> (SAASTA Science Communication Award)</li> </ul>	Mr Denis Hunt, Head Adjudicator and Chair of the NSTF Adjudication Panel; Mr Dean Ebden representing Business Report (Media Sponsor) & Prof Dhansay, Chair of the NSTF	<b>15:20-16:20            (60 minutes)</b>
<b>Awards for Research Leading to Innovation (3 Awards – Corporate, SMME and NGO/NPO/CBO)</b>		
<b>5. CLOSURE</b>	Prof Dhansay	<b>16:20-16:30</b>
<b>REFRESHMENTS AND NETWORKING</b> <i>(Please remember to evaluate all sessions on the evaluation form provided and leave the completed form on your table or hand it in at the registration desk)</i>		

**Note:** Presentations will be posted on the NSTF web site – [www.nstf.org.za](http://www.nstf.org.za) – on the Plenary Meeting page from 9 June 2014, and an official Media Release will be circulated electronically by this date. The proceedings with a summary of the recommendations from the Plenary meeting will be posted on this site from 23 June 2014 onwards.

***Thank You!***