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## Voice of Wits (VOW) FM with Ms Jansie Niehaus

### Ocean science for sustainable development, an NSTF Discussion Forum

The **National Science and Technology Forum (NSTF)** invites you to tune in to an interview with Ms Jansie Niehaus (NSTF Executive Director) on VOW FM 88.1. Ms Niehaus will be interviewed on the NSTF Discussion Forum on 'Ocean science for sustainable development' to be held online on 15-16 November 2023. The interview will be broadcast at 10:00 AM on 14 November 2023 live.

**About the discussion forum:** The United Nations (UN) proclaimed a Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030) to support efforts to reverse the cycle of decline in ocean health and gather ocean stakeholders worldwide behind a common framework that will ensure ocean science can fully support countries in creating improved conditions for sustainable development of the ocean.

The NSTF adopted this UN decadal theme for a focus of work for 2023. The NSTF made a Special Annual Theme Award for work in ocean science for sustainable development, at the **NSTF-South32 Awards** on 13 July 2023. The **winner** of this award, Prof Andrew Green, is the keynote speaker at this discussion forum.

The aim of this online event is to bring together various researchers and professionals to highlight South African scientific work on ocean health, as well as the extent of data gathered through observation systems in South Africa (SA). Gaps and challenges will be shared in this regard, to formulate recommendations.

**Themes include:**

- Protecting our coastlines from the effects of climate change
- Earth observation and monitoring of changes that are being done in SA
- Protecting ocean biodiversity and ecosystems
- South African legislation (NEMA) that regulates the use of ocean resources and protects the coast.



<p><b>Tune in to this radio interview with Ms Niehaus to hear more...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Where:</b> VOW FM</li> <li>• <b>When:</b> Tuesday 14 November at 10:00 am (GMT +2)</li> <li>• <b>Frequency:</b> 88.1</li> <li>• <b>Live stream:</b> <a href="https://iono.fm/s/101">https://iono.fm/s/101</a></li> </ul> <p><i>VOW FM 88.1 is a 24-hour campus radio station broadcasting from the University of the Witwatersrand (Wits) in Johannesburg, South Africa. The station made its debut broadcasting in English in the '90s, with the support of The Wits School of Journalism.</i></p>	<p><b>Ocean science for sustainable development discussion forum...</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Date:</b> 15-16 November 2023</li> <li>• <b>Time:</b> 09:00-13:00 (on both days)</li> <li>• <b>Programme:</b> Click <a href="#">here</a> for the latest programme</li> <li>• <b>Registration:</b> Click <a href="#">here</a> to register</li> </ul> <p><i>Attendance and participation in this NSTF Discussion Forum is FREE to all those interested.</i></p> <p><i>Please note that if you do not register, the NSTF cannot be held responsible for any unforeseen changes or cancellations of programmes. Communications are sent only via e-mail or through notifications on the NSTF website.</i></p>
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Ms Jansie Niehaus is the Executive Director of the NSTF since 2006. She is also the current chairperson of the Committee of Heads of Organisations in Research and Technology (COHORT) since 2022.

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- is a broadly-representative stakeholder body for all science, engineering and technology (SET) and innovation organisations in South Africa
- gathers stakeholders around burning issues of national and global interest, across the public and private sectors, including matters of public policy
- includes a network of professional societies in SET and STEM education (STEM = science, technology, engineering and mathematics) - the NSTF proSET membership sector.
- recognises, awards and profiles the outstanding contributions of individuals and groups to SET and innovation through the prestigious NSTF Awards
- runs and supports collaborative projects and youth outreach, including recognition of top performance in mathematics and science, role modelling, bursary and STEM career information
- runs and supports the STEMulator.org which attracts youth and educators to Explore>Discover>Learn the world of STEM including careers. (Established by NSTF proSET)

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