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DEVELOPMENT THROUGH INNOVATION,  
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## RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS FORUM ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, AFRICA Hyatt Regency, Johannesburg, 25 – 27 June 2018

### Disrupting development: Designing for a circular economy

#### Scheduling

**Date:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**Time:** 14:10 – 15:55 (1 hour 45 minutes)

**Venue:** Hyatt Regency, 191 Oxford Rd, Rosebank, Johannesburg, 2132, South Africa

**Room:** Illanga II

#### Speakers

**Moderator: Nqobizitha Ndlovu**, Senior Advisor, Adaptive Change Advisors (ACA)

**Cecilia Njenga**, Head, UNEP Office in South Africa and Regional Programme Coordinator, Southern Africa

**Alexandra Russell**, Vice President, Strategy, Policy & Sustainability, Sasol

**Ruben Janse van Rensburg**, Head of Sustainability, Africa, HP

**Keith Anderson**, CEO, E-Wasa

#### Synopsis

The circular economy presents a new form of economic opportunity and growth that moves away from current linear extractive and consumptive patterns, characterised by waste, towards a system that is restorative and regenerative by design. In addition to delivering direct economic and societal benefits, the circular economy lowers energy and water demands of the system, and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

The circular economy can accelerate inclusive growth through job creation, and the emergence of value centred enterprises that benefit all segments of the community, importantly including women and youth. Africa's circular economy is growing, with innovative initiatives and businesses accelerating the transition. It has the strong potential to create new business opportunities, encourage entrepreneurship and stimulate economic growth.

This discussion will focus on how collaborative, multi-stakeholder approaches are helping to '**Design for a circular economy**'. It will focus on examples of innovation, youth and technology transforming the continent's development, and incorporate perspectives from a cross-section of stakeholders.



**Format (1 hour 45 minutes)**

*We kindly request that you do not prepare slides.*

1. **Welcome and introduction:** The moderator will briefly introduce each panellist, and provide a short overview to frame the discussion (**10 minutes**).
2. **Panel discussion:** The moderator will ask each panellist for their views and experiences, with examples drawn from practice and current initiatives, before opening up to a wider discussion between panellists (**40 minutes**).
3. **Audience Roundtable Discussions:** Delegates will discuss, share and finally agree on **three** priority recommendations on how organisations can better support innovation, youth and technology generation to drive development (**25 minutes**).

An example recommendation: "Private sector to provide innovation incubator programmes for youth to help develop business skills at the same time as creative solutions."

Panellists are welcomed to join in a roundtable to support the discussions. The moderator may wish to roam among tables as the point of contact for the recommendations.

4. **Feedback from Roundtables:** Each table will assign a rapporteur to stand and share their recommendations with the room (**20 minutes**).
5. **Wrap up:** Moderator will close with a quick summary of the main discussion points and recommendations and select three of these recommendations to report back in the plenary (**10 minutes**).

Thank you again for joining us, and we look forward to the discussion.

Kind regards,

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