

# WRC 101 YOUTH ROADSHOW PROGRAMME FOR WATER RESEARCHERS

**Date:** 15 June 2021 | **Time:** 10h00 – 11h30

## Background

The Water Research Commission (WRC) is running virtual WRC 101 Roadshows for the 2021/22 financial year in different provinces of the Republic of South Africa and in partnership with different universities. The purpose of these sessions is to familiarise new and upcoming project leaders with the process for research proposal submission and related fund and project management issues.

The objectives of the WRC 101 roadshows are as follows:

- To create awareness about WRC funding priorities and budgets.
- To create awareness around the WRC proposal cycle, proposal evaluation and project management processes.
- Assist researchers with knowledge on preparations of proposals that comply with WRC requirements, with tips to improve the chances of success.
- Share knowledge on how to manage the technical, administrative and financial aspects of a WRC project.
- To familiarise prospective proposers with the Business Management System (BMS) which has been operating for over a year as well as the proposal and contract management requirements.
- To encourage researchers to register on the Blue Directory.

**Programme Director:** Water Research Commission / Host University

| TIME              | ITEM  | OFFICIAL   |
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| 10:00 - 10:05     | Opening and Housekeeping Items                              | Programme Director, Water Research Commission  |
| 10:05 - 10:10     | Welcome and Opening Remarks                                 | Dr Ndivhuwo Luruli, Director: Strategic Research Support (University of Johannesburg)  |
| <b>PART ONE</b>   |   |  |
| 10:10 - 10:30     | The WRC: Leading the Emerging Water Innovations Space       | Dr Mandla Msibi, WRC Group Executive: Impact and Innovation (WRC)                      |
| <b>PART TWO</b>   |   |  |
| 10:30 - 10:50     | Research and Development at the WRC: The Call for Proposals | Dr Eunice Ubomba-Jaswa, Research Manager: Water Resources Quality and Management (WRC) |
| 10:50 - 11:00     | The WRC Online Proposal Submission System                   | Dr Eunice Ubomba-Jaswa, Research Manager: Water Resources Quality and Management (WRC) |
| <b>PART THREE</b> |   |  |
| 11:00 - 11:15     | Leading a WRC Research Project                              | Host University Project Lead   |
| 11:15 - 11:25     | Q&A Session   | WRC Group Executive / WRC Research Manager   |
| 11:25 - 11:30     | Final Remarks   | Dr Ndivhuwo Luruli, Director: Strategic Research Support (University of Johannesburg)  |