

# WRC 101 WOMEN ROADSHOW PROGRAMME FOR WATER RESEARCHERS

Date: 17 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
10:00 - 10:05	Opening and Housekeeping Items	Programme Director, Water Research Commission
10:05 - 10:10	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Professor Funso Kutu, University of Mpumalanga
<b>PART ONE</b>		
10:10 - 10:30	The WRC: Leading the Emerging Water Innovations Space	Ms Khosi Jonas, Executive Manager: Knowledge Services and Communication (Water Research Commission)
<b>PART TWO</b>		
10:30 - 10:50	Research and Development at the WRC: The Call for Proposals	Dr Samkelisiwe Hlophe-Ginindza, Assistant Research Manager: Water Utilisation in Agriculture
10:50 - 11:00	The WRC Online Proposal Submission System	Dr Samkelisiwe Hlophe-Ginindza, Assistant Research Manager: Water Utilisation in Agriculture
<b>PART THREE</b>		
11:00 - 11:15	Leading a WRC Research Project	Host University Project Lead
11:15 - 11:25	Q&A Session	Ms Khosi Jonas and Dr Samkelisiwe Hlophe-Ginindza, Water Research Commission
11:25 - 11:30	Final Remarks	Dr Ayanda Shabalala, University of Mpumalanga