

WRC MANZIPRENEURS INCUBATOR LAUNCH

Date: 22 March 2022 | Time: 10:00-12:00 (CAT)

Background

The Water Graduate Employment Programme Phase II falls under the Presidential Employment Stimulus (PES) and is a partnership between the Water Research Commission (WRC) and the Department of Science and Innovation (DSI) to build future capacity for the water sector. The overarching objective of the programme is to catalyse job creation and water sector exposure in support of sustainable economic development.

WRC partner, Youth Bridge Trust (YBT) is responsible for implementing the business incubation stream of Water GEP II – the “ManziPreneurs Incubator, a pilot targeting 300 graduates who were on-boarded into the programme between December 2021 and January 2022 and have kicked off their training and ideation development linked to:

1. Orientation to career and business opportunities in the water sector and nexus sectors in the Green Economy.
2. Entrepreneurial and intrapreneurial skills development;
3. A series of virtual masterclasses with water sector professionals, established entrepreneurs and Water experts;
4. A business pitch & business plan competition culminating in a live pitch event to a high-level panel of Water GEP II constituents and water sector luminaries.

We invite you to celebrate our aspiring entrepreneurs and intrapreneurs who aim to make a water sector impact through this opportunity.

Programme

Programme Director: Dr Chantal R-Kotze, WRC

| Time | Item | Who |
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| 10:00-10:15 | Welcome, Programme and ManziPreneurs Background | Dr C R-Kotze |
| 10:15-10:30 | Water GEP and the ManziPreneurs: Supporting the Culture of Innovation in South African Water and linked sectors | Mr Imraan Patel, Department of Science and Innovation, Deputy Director General |
| 10:30-11:15 | Meet our ManziPreneurs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aspiring Entrepreneurs - Participating Intrapreneurs | Presentations Discussion by attendees with ManziPreneurs |
| 11:15 -11:30 | Closure and Word of Thanks | Presidency of South Africa |