

Presentation of the OECD Environmental Performance Review of South Africa

10:00-12:00, 4 December 2013 Cape Town

Venue: Anatomy Lecture Theatre, Old Medical Building (see attached plan)
Hiddingh Campus, University of Cape Town
Cape Town, South Africa

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and the Environmental Economics Policy Research Unit (EPRU) of the School of Economics, University of Cape Town are delighted to announce the presentation of the OECD Environmental Performance Review of South Africa.

The report is the first OECD review of South Africa's environmental performance. It is the result of a constructive and mutually beneficial policy dialogue between South Africa and the OECD Working Party on Environmental Performance. The report presents 36 recommendations with a special emphasis on green growth, environmental governance, biodiversity and mining.

Speakers:

- **Rt Hon Simon Upton**
Director, Environment Directorate
Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
- **Mr Jeffrey Manuel**
Deputy Director: Biodiversity Planning Policy Advice
South African National Biodiversity Institute
- **Mr Rick Menell**
Chairman, Senior Advisor
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- **Mr Saliem Fakir**
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The participation is open to all interested parties and is free of charge.

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The OECD conducts in-depth assessments of the environmental policies and programmes of selected OECD countries and key partner countries. These Environmental Performance Reviews (EPRs) identify good practices and make recommendations to strengthen the reviewed countries' environmental management and instruments they use to promote green growth. They involve a peer review process in which countries review each other and provide mutual support to improve environmental performance both individually and collectively.

The EPRs are based on evidence and facts derived from sound national and international data. The EPR programme emphasises the use of economic analysis. The polluter pays principle, the user pays principle, economic efficiency, integration of environmental and financial-fiscal policies, as well as integration of environmental and sector policies (e.g. energy, transport, agriculture) are constant features of EPR reports.

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