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INVITATION TO ATTEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CONTAMINATED LAND SCHEDULED FOR THE 8TH – 11TH OCTOBER 2013 (ICCL 2013).

Department of Environmental Affairs, under the Directorate: Land Remediation responsible for land remediation management and the Government of South Africa are privileged to invite you to the 11th meeting of the International Committee on Contaminated Land (ICCL) to be held in South Africa, Durban (Tsogo Sun): Elangeni formally known as Southern Sun International) on the 8th to 11th of October 2011. The ICCL is a bi-annual forum for information exchange and cooperation on issues relating to contaminated land and ground water. The group is comprised of government officials, senior national land remediation experts and program managers from countries facing contaminated land challenges around the world. This meeting has been taking place in other countries since 1994, bringing together experts and policy makers from key land remediation and planning agencies.

The previous meeting in Washington, DC in 2011 welcomed a total of Over 60 participants from over 40 different countries (http://www.iccl.ch/meeting_washington.html). This invitation is addressed to experts from environment ministries and other corresponding authorities such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Superfund Program. For practical reasons, the number of representatives for any one country is limited to 1 – 3 persons. If this limitation is an issue, please contact Dr. Dominique Darmendrail or Mr. Mpho Tshitangoni by e-mail at d.darmendrail@brgm.fr; and mtshitangoni@environment.gov.za respectively.

Four themes which will be focused on the 11th meeting of the ICCL 2013:

- **Green Technology: An Environmentally Sound Technology for Pollution Prevention, Control and Remediation**
- **Public Private Partnerships for site remediation/ collaborative clean-up process**
- **Contaminated Site Remediation, Legal, Technical, Finance and social issues**



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• **Encourage community involvement in Site Remediation as core of decision making tool**

Prior to each meeting, the ICCL administers survey countries to be invited, to ensure substantive discussion at the meeting. The ICCL's survey for 2013 will focus on industrial and communal site remediation. This survey will be distributed to key country representatives in the coming weeks.

Registration for the 11th meeting of the ICCL is managed online and it began on Monday, January 16, 2013. To register, participants should visit <http://www.iccl.ch/meetings.html> and select the South Africa, Durban, ICCL 2013 meeting. Please urgently complete your registration no later than the 31st of August 2013. It is important to note that participation to this meeting is free (**no registration fees**); however, participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses.

Detailed travel and lodging information is available on the ICCL website. The 11th meeting will be held in Tsogo Sun (Southern Sun International) Elangeni, Durban, Kwazulu Natal Province. The area is accessible by several airports; the nearest to the event is the King Shaka International Airport. The Department of Environmental Affairs on behalf of the government of South Africa, responsible for the management of contaminated land also would like to invite you to stay an extra day to participate in a separate workshop with industrial sector on innovative technology for the remediation of contaminated land scheduled for the 11th of October 2013. Highlights of the workshop will include an exhibit hall, concurrent breakout sessions, and networking opportunities with governmental agencies, non-profit organizations, and/or commercial sectors. With this invitation, we would also like to invite ICCL participants to present papers on one or more of this year's four themes. Interested parties should contact Dr. Dominique Darmendrail or Mr. Mpho Tshitangoni by e-mail at d.darmendrail@brgm.fr or mtshitangoni@environment.gov.za respectively.

The Government of South Africa welcomes both returning and new participants to the 11th ICCL 2013 meeting to continue this important international interaction and dialogue. We look forward to seeing you in October 2013 in South Africa, Durban, Kwazulu Natal Province.

The National Organic Waste Composting Strategy

The Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) has finalized the development of a National Organic Waste Composting Strategy (NOWCS) to promote the diversion of organic waste from landfill sites for composting. The overall aim for this project is to ensure that organic waste generated in the country is diverted from landfill sites for composting through integrated and sustainable waste management planning. The objectives of this project are as follows:

- To assess the current national and international trends in organic waste composting and compilation of a literature review report that will inform the strategy;
- To identify and engage all stakeholders that play a role in the management of waste in order to identify problems, needs and key issues associated with organic waste management;
- To compile a situation analysis and needs assessment report that captures the status quo with respect to organic waste generation and management; and

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Youth Jobs in Waste Programme

The Department of Environmental Affairs launched Youth Jobs in Waste Programme in the Free State province on 17 June 2013 which is regarded an Environment and a Youth Month. The programme will be piloted in five (5) provinces in this financial year. The main objective of the programme is to create jobs and capacitate municipalities in the identified critical areas of waste management.

Youths will be employed for a specific period of time to assist municipalities to deliver waste services. The main focus will be the following:

- Landfill operation and management;
- Planning and administration relating to waste collection; and
- Environmental awareness campaigns.

DEA has appointed project implementing agents for the 5 provinces to manage the implementation of the programme.. The implementing agents will be working closely with the affected municipalities in order to ensure that the programme achieves its desired end state. The Youth Jobs in Waste programme is seen by the DEA as critical as it create job opportunities and as well as empowering the youth with waste management skills.

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- To develop a National Organic Waste Composting Strategy.

The Strategy has identified the major organic waste generators in the country and determined the quantity of organic waste generated per province, as well as identifying the available technologies and methods for composting organic waste, amongst other findings. Included in the Strategy are the challenges and opportunities for composting organic waste and the potential markets for organic composts, as well as the associated job opportunities. One of the key recommendations of the Strategy is that Norms and Standards for composting organic waste must be developed. This will exempt organic waste composting facilities from requiring a Waste Management Licence.

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Municipal Chief Financial Officers and Technical Directors Training in Waste Management

The Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) has embarked on a two year training programme in waste management for Municipal Chief Financial Officers and Technical Directors throughout the country's nine provinces. The training programme is for duration of three uninterrupted days and started in 2012/13 fiscal year and is finishing in 2013/14 fiscal year.

The 2012/13 training ran from October 2012 and finished in February 2013. The participants were capacitated in the following waste management areas:

- Policy and Legislative Framework for Waste Management in South Africa
- Municipal Waste Management Planning and Delivery
- Basic Waste Management and Operation
- The Role of Waste Management in the Green Economy
- Human Resources Planning for Waste Management Services
- Financial Planning for Waste management Services

The approach followed in conducting the training was practical in nature and included class presentations during which case studies from the best performing municipalities were used. The total number of officials trained during the 2012/13 fiscal year is 237.

The 2013/14 fiscal year training programme is commencing in July 2013 and the provincial training scheduled in indicated hereunder:

PROVINCE	DATES	POTENTIAL VENUES
Gauteng	22 -24 July 2013	Johannesburg : Thaba ya Batswana
Mpumalanga	5 -7 August 2013	Nelspruit : Emnotweni Sun, Protea hotel,
North West	19 -21 August 2013	Klerksdorp : Protea hotel
Northern Cape	21 - 23 August 2013	Kimberley : Garden Court
Limpopo	4- 6 September 2013	Polokwane :Meropa Casino, Protea hotel
Free State	18 - 20 September 2013	Bloemfontein : Protea, Anta Boga Boutique Hotel
Kwazulu Natal	2 - 3 October 2013	Umhlanga: Protea hotel
Eastern Cape	23 -25 October 2013	East London: Regent hotel
Western Cape	30 October – 1 November 2013	Cape town: Protea hotel Breakwater lodge

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