

## **INFORMATION DOCUMENT**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STEWARDSHIP CONFERENCE**

**Theme: SUSTAINABLE LAND USE FOR OUR SHARED FUTURE**

**9-11 October 2018**

**MAROPENG BOUTIQUE HOTEL,  
STERKFRONTEIN CAVES, GAUTENG**

#### **Purpose:**

- To convene the National Biodiversity Stewardship community of practice through an annual conference
- To explore opportunities between Biodiversity Stewardship and the Biodiversity Economy
- To provide a platform for engagement on Biodiversity Stewardship, Land Reform and Community Conservation where they intersect
- To provide a platform to foster commitment to implementing the Land Reform and Biodiversity Stewardship Initiative
- To build partnerships to support protected area expansion through Biodiversity Stewardship
- To provide a platform to build commitment towards financial sustainability of protected area expansion
- To investigate opportunities for the implementation of Biodiversity Stewardship in land reform sites in the Gauteng Province (and the country at large)

#### **Key outcomes:**

- Strengthened partnerships for Biodiversity Stewardship implementation
- Implementation opportunities between Biodiversity Stewardship and the Biodiversity Economy have been unlocked
- Sustainable financing mechanisms for collaborative Biodiversity Stewardship implementation have been identified
- Improved commitment of role players to key areas of Biodiversity Stewardship implementation secured
- Strategic partnerships for governance, implementation and collaboration have been established
- Guidelines to develop a formal strategy for the inclusion of land reform considerations into Biodiversity Stewardship implementation in Gauteng finalised
- An action plan to implement the 2017 Biodiversity Stewardship Conference resolutions developed

#### **Who should attend?**

- High level officials from the Department of Environmental Affairs, the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform (DDGs, DGs and CDs)

- National Departments including Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, National Treasury, DBSA, SANParks, etc.
- Provincial Government: Conservation agencies and departments (HODs, CEOs and relevant officials)
- Local government: SALGA and municipalities with Land Reform and Biodiversity Stewardship priorities
- Community beneficiaries
- A selected group of conservation, land reform and rural development Non-Governmental Organizations
- Social Development NGO's working in land reform and rural development
- Academic Institutions with key interest in land reform and conservation

**For more information contact:** Pam Kershaw: [PKershaw@environment.gov.za](mailto:PKershaw@environment.gov.za) or Natasha Wilson: [n.wilson@sanbi.org.za](mailto:n.wilson@sanbi.org.za)