

THE GREEN CONNECTION



COMPANY PROFILE

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Green Connection is an organisation, founded in 2006, and registered in South Africa as a closed corporation under the Companies Act, 1984 (as amended).

It aims to provide practical support to both the government and non-government sector as an integral part of sustainable development.

The Green Connection believes that empowering people to participate in their environment is the only way that truly sustainable development can take place. Our environmental resources are limited and not ours to squander but to protect for future generations.

The Green Connection believes that economic growth and development, improvement of socio-economic status and conservation of natural resources can only take place within a commonly understood framework of sustainable development.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

The Green Connection team are a group of dynamic professionals drawn from diverse fields who offer their insights and perspectives into the achievement of sustainable development.

The Green Connection believes in teamwork and has a wide range of experienced associates who can be drawn into specific projects as appropriate.

Our particular areas of expertise are:

- Materials development
- Facilitation in Afrikaans, English and Xhosa
- Community development
- Capacity building in environmental sustainability
- Legislative and policy analysis
- Sustainable Development (Water, Energy, and Biodiversity)
- Public Awareness and facilitating Public Participation Processes
- Organisational Development
- Communication and conflict management
- Basic Financial Management Training

The Green Connection is comprised of 60% women and 100% PDI, and prides itself on its relevance to the new South Africa.

MOST RECENT EXPERIENCE

The Green Connection team have worked extensively in fields including Community Development, Land Reform, Training, Materials Development, Research, Financial Management, Environmental Justice and other fields.

The History outlined below provides a perspective of the depth of the skills and recent experiences of the team and includes work done in co-operation with other joint ventures.

Design and implement capacity building exercise about climate change impacts on ecosystems in the Succulent Karoo to enable integration of such issues into local policies and land-use – CEPF, Western and Northern Cape, 2007/08.

- *Manage project*
- *Develop capacity building materials*
- *Conduct survey*
- *Facilitate workshops*
- *Coordinate website design*

Design and Production of a handbook – “Partnerships for healthy Rivers” – City of Cape Town, WESSA: WC, 2006

- *Interviews with stakeholders including civil society, government and business*
- *Editing and writing of text*

- *Layout and design of handbook*
- *Facilitating workshop with stakeholders*

Support to SWH pilot project for high-income households - City of Cape Town, Central Energy Fund (CEF) and Agama Energy, 2005-2007

- *Preparation of proposal and budget*
- *Liaison with city and other players*
- *Coordination of public participation process including awareness material*

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- *Facilitation of capacity building workshop and preparation*

Support to Water Verification Process for Jan Dissels River – Dept of Water Affairs and Forestry, 2005- 2007

- *Consultative process with interested and affected water users, including potential water users*
- *Validation and verification of existing lawful water use*

Compilation of Land reform strategy West Coast Region – West Coast District Council, 2005.

- *Analysis of environmental opportunities and constraints in the region*
- *Integration of sustainable development into Land Reform Strategy*
- *Design and Facilitation of stakeholder engagement process*

Provision of Support Services to the Olifants/Doorn WMA - Dept of Water Affairs and Forestry, 2004-current.

- *Investigation into water-use activities in the Olifants River,*
- *Support to emerging farmers and ad hoc support to DWAF.*

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