



THE GREEN CONNECTION NGO

ORGANIZATION PROFILE

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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

The Green Connection is a not for profit organisation, founded in 2010, and is comprised of 66.67% women and 83.3% PDI, and prides itself on its relevance to the new South Africa.

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 team work and has a wide range of experienced associates who can be drawn into specific projects as appropriate.

Our particular areas of environmental expertise are:

- EIA process support to communities and public participation facilitation
- Materials development
- Facilitation in Afrikaans, English and Xhosa
- Community development
- Capacity building in environmental sustainability
- Legislative and policy analysis
- Public Awareness
- Climate change adaptation
- Organisational Development
- Communication and conflict management

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 and pilot intervention re climate change impacts on ecosystems in the Succulent Karoo to enable integration of such issues into local policies and land-use – CEPF, DG Murray Trust, Climate Action Partnership (CAP), Western and Northern Cape, 2007/09.

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

Design and produce Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency communication tool -

Sustainable Energy Africa, Cape Town, 2007

- *Review Renewable energy potential for South Africa (desk top)*
- *Review Energy efficiency potential for South Africa*
- *Develop sustainable energy scenario*
- *Research priority measures to achieve sustainable energy path*

Design and implement capacity building course on Responsible Fisheries programme and Sustainable Seafood Initiative - WWF 2007-2009

- *Design course*
- *Develop course manual and training materials*
- *Implement training workshops*
- *Train trainers*

Analysis of Public Participation in Environmental Governance - collaboration with EEU, University of Cape Town, 2004.

- *Reviewed best practice in public participation internationally and locally*
- *Analysed case studies*
- *Put forward recommendatory framework to improve process*

Support to Water Verification Process for Jan Dissels river, Provision of Support

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

- *Consultative process with interested and affected water users, including potential water users*
- *Validation and verification of existing lawful water use*
- *Investigation into water-use activities in the Olifants River,*
- *Support to emerging farmers and ad hoc support to DWAF.*

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*

Support to community of Riebeek West in the EIA process – Riebeek West community, 2007

- *Analysis of environmental impact and scoping reports from the EIA practitioner*
- *Facilitation of the public involvement in the EIA, including facilitating that all comments from the community are taken into account by the practitioner*
- *Ensuring the EIA process is fair and incorporates all stakeholders*
- *Building capacity in the community to respond to EIA processes*

Building capacity for climate resilience in nature-based enterprises in rural communities, Namaqualand – SKEPPIES, 2010

- *Increasing climate change awareness of local communities*
- *Building capacity to access and incorporate climate change adaptation*
- *Providing support for climate resilience*

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