



SAAG 2025 Biennial Post-Conference Workshop

Voices of the Landscape – a stakeholder engagement workshop

Date: 18 July

Time: 08:00-12:45

Venue: Kleinplaas Conference Centre

Cost: R250 - the workshop includes tea and light refreshments

The workshop is registered for 0.5 Category 1 CPD credits with SACNASP under reference 2025-0681-003382.

As part of the SAAG 2025 Conference, this workshop provides a platform for researchers, professionals, and community members to explore effective stakeholder engagement strategies. Meaningful interactions with stakeholders are essential for impactful research and projects, particularly in fields where collaboration with local communities, policymakers, and industries is critical.

The workshop aims to bring together various stakeholders from the local area and visiting participants from the SAAG Biennial Conference. Given two regional biosphere reserves—particularly the Gouritz Cluster Biosphere Reserve, which includes Oudtshoorn—we aim to incorporate their expertise into the discussions. The focus is on ground-up stakeholder engagement in any field related to geomorphology.

SAAG thanks Dr Steve du Toit from the Gouritz Cluster Biosphere Reserve and Dr Bianca Currie from the Garden Route Biosphere Reserve for their contribution to the workshop. We also thank Debbie Fordham for her role in Chairing and helping develop the workshop content. The IAG is thanked for enabling two young geomorphologists to attend the workshop at no cost.



Program

Time	Activity	Description
08:00	Renée Grundling, SAAG & SAYG representative	Welcome & introductions
08:15	Presentation 1: <i>Biospheres without Boundaries</i>	Presentation by Dr Steve du Toit (Gouritz Cluster Biosphere Reserve)
08:35	Presentation 2: <i>Undertaking a stakeholder analysis to determine “who should be in the room”</i>	Presentation from Bianca Currie (Garden Route Biosphere Reserve)
09:05	Presentation 3: <i>The changing role of citizen science in academia</i>	Presentation by Dr Christel Hansen on the role of citizen science within academia
09:35	Discussion	General discussion by participants on stakeholder engagement based on the presentations received
10:30	Tea break	
11:00	Focus groups	Designing a stakeholder engagement plan based on various scenarios
12:00	All participants	Feedback from the Activity and Group Discussion
12:45	SAAG representative	Workshop closes