

**Freshwater Ecosystem Network
16 – 17 September
Auditorium, Biodiversity Building, Pretoria National Botanical Garden, 2 Cussonia Avenue, Brummeria**

Strengthening the incorporation of freshwater ecosystems into the classification of water resources

DAY 1

09:00 – ARRIVAL, registration and tea

Welcome and Purpose

- Welcome – Kristal Maze (SANBI) & Ndileka Mohapi (DWA)
- Overview and purpose of the network and workshop - John Dini (SANBI)

Setting the Scene

- National Water Policy Review – Marie Brisley (DWA)
- National Water Resource Strategy 2 – Marie Brisley
- The Water Resource Classification System – Tovhowani Nyamande / Shane Naidoo (DWA)
- Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Areas (FEPAs) and their relevance to water resource classification – Mandy Driver (SANBI)

13:00 – LUNCH

Lessons learned to date

- How FEPAs have been used in classification to date, challenges encountered and possible solutions – Jeanne Nel (CSIR)

DISCUSSION Session

15:30 – TEA

DISCUSSION continued

16:30 - Cocktail

DAY 2

9:00 – Recap of Day 1

DISCUSSION Session: Participants' experiences using FEPA maps beyond water resource classification. How are the FEPA maps being used? What are the successes and achievements? What are the barriers and challenges? What needs to be done to bridge these challenges and barriers?

10:30 – TEA

Taking forward the Freshwater Ecosystem Network

- What do we want this network to look like going forward?
- Wrap-up and closure

13:30 – LUNCH