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BIOFUELS MEDIA ROUND TABLE 4 MARCH 2008

Final Programme

09:30	-	Registration
	-	Tea, coffee, juice, mineral water and snacks will be served

Programme to start promptly at 10:00

Time	Topic	Speaker
10:00	Programme overview and introduction to virtual media facility	Vuyo Mbuli – Programme Director
10:05	Official welcome	Beverley Damonse - Executive Director, SAASTA
10:10	Biofuels – Overview and background	Prof Dave Woods – Director, Synexa Institute for Bioprospecting
10:30	Questions	Vuyo Mbuli
10:40	Biofuels - environmental impact, alternatives to liquid fuel and alternative use of biomass	Peet Du Plooy – Advisor to WWF's Trade & Investment Programme in South Africa
11:00	Questions	Vuyo Mbuli
11:10	Global perspective	Cornelis Van Der Waal - Industry Manager Energy and Power Systems, Frost and Sullivan (Africa)
11:30	Questions	Vuyo Mbuli

11:40	Economic impacts of biofuels	Dr Ferdinand Meyer & Thomas Funke – Bureau for Food and Agricultural Policy (BFAP)
12:00	The South African biofuels strategy and its impact on the poor	Annie Sugrue - Managing Director, Midrand EcoCity Trust
12:20	Questions	Vuyo Mbuli
12:30	Next generation technologies towards a sustainable biofuels future	Prof Emile van Zyl – SANERI Senior Chair of Energy Research in Biofuels, University of Stellenbosch
12:50	Questions	Vuyo Mbuli
13:00	LUNCH	All
13:30	Introduction to debate and debate participants Grain SA, Sugar Industry, SA Council of Churches, Omnia, Monsanto, groundwork, Ecocity Trust, BRICS, PlanBIO, Cosatu, etc	Vuyo Mbuli
15:00	Closing remarks	Helen Malherbe, Manager: PUB Programme, SAASTA
15:10	Tea & Networking	All

Please note that Vuyo Mbuli will introduce each of the speakers. Where two or more speakers share a slot, the introduction will be at the beginning of the slot.