



SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT PROGRAMME

13 – 14 August 2026 · Kingdom of Eswatini

From Ambition to Execution: Building Resilience & Unlocking Business Value

Day 1 – Setting the Vision

Thursday 13 August 2026

Time	Session
08:00 – 09:00	Welcome Registration & Professional Networking Breakfast
09:00 – 09:10	Official Opening: Government of Eswatini & ICSE Joint Address <i>A high-level declaration of national sustainability commitment, situating the summit within Eswatini's policy and development landscape.</i> Facilitators: ICSE Leadership: Constance van Zuydam
09:10 – 09:30	UNDP Address UNDP Resident Representative Mr Henrick Franklin
09:30 – 10:00	Presentation ESG as a Corporate Imperative: Embedding Environmental Accountability into Strategy and Reporting <i>The MTN CEO presents a case study on operationalising ESG frameworks, navigating disclosure requirements, and aligning business value creation with environmental stewardship.</i> Presenter: MTN CEO: Jerry Soko
10:00 – 10:30	Presentation Eswatini's National Sustainability Pathway: Translating Policy Commitments into Measurable Environmental Outcomes <i>An evidence-based overview of the Kingdom's environmental performance indicators, regulatory trajectory, and the role of environmental impact assessment in achieving national development targets and evaluation of performance on SDGs</i> Presenter: EIA Director (A) Belusile Mhlanga
10:30 – 11:00	Keynote Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs Keynote address; Hon. Minister Environment Hon. Jane Mkhonta Simelane
11:00 – 11:30	Tea and Networking
11:30 – 12:30	Panel Advancing Environment Social Safety Quality systems as a Driver of ESG Excellence Panellists will be examining how daily, on-the-ground safety and environmental



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	management systems (like ISO 45001 and ISO 14001) serve as the tangible engine that fulfils a company's Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) promises. Facilitators: Caroline Sinkamba (CEC), Mvezi Dlamini (SFC), Jabu Myeni, MTN Bonsile Kunene
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch and Networking
13:30 – 14:10	Panel Sustainable Energy Transition & Green Infrastructure Planning <i>"Navigating the Net-Zero Transition: Regulatory Frameworks, Resource Management, and Operational Realities"</i> Panellists: UNEP- United for Efficiency, REASWA, MNRE, Mtiwandile Thwala, Mzwandile Ndzinisa, Rodney Carval
14:10 – 14:50	Presentation Climate-Proofing Development: Integrating Drought and Flood Risk into projects and Disaster Risk Reduction Frameworks <i>A practical workshop on incorporating climate vulnerability analysis, early warning data, and adaptive management into projects and development planning documents.</i> Presenter: NDMA, Siboniso Mavuso
14:50 – 15:20	Panel Discussion "Safe Food, Resilient People: The Critical Link Between Food Standards and ESG Excellence" Panellists: Mugg and Bean, SWASA, Visioneer and Tema Sindi Simelane, Cebisile Bhembe, Millagrosa
15:20 – 15:40	Tea and Networking
15:40 – 16:40	Presentation The 2026 compliance horizon; Operationalising King 5 sustainability principles using updated ISO standards Presenter: DQS Francois Labuschagne
17:00 – 19:00	Cocktail Eco-Innovation Showcase & Gala Reception <i>An evening exhibition featuring sustainable technology solutions, green project case studies, and networking with innovators shaping the region's low-carbon economy.</i>

Day 2 – From Strategy to Action

Friday 14 August 2026

Time	Session
09:00 – 10:00	Panel Discussion Biodiversity-Positive Development: Aligning Sustainable Tourism, Agriculture and Water, Energy with Ecosystem Services Valuation and Bioeconomy Principles <i>A specialist address on applying bioeconomy frameworks to appraise land-use trade-offs, conserve natural capital, and unlock responsible investment in nature-based sectors.</i> Facilitators: EEA Panellist: (GWP,) Bheki Ginindza, MNRE Mzwandile Ndzinisa, Belusile Mhlanga
10:00 – 10:45	CEO Roundtable Private Sector Leadership in SHERQ Compliance: Accountability, Incentives, and the Business Case for Beyond-Compliance Performance



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	<i>Senior executives from development partners and the private sector discuss institutional frameworks that incentivise proactive S, environmental, quality, social management and voluntary reporting beyond regulatory minimums (ESG).</i> Facilitator: SWASA, Millagrosa Mondlane Panellists: MTN, RDMA, Sunshine Group, IRCA SA, BE Lomakhosetive Tshabalala, Cliff Chivanga, Victor Mahlalela, Carel Labuschagne, Musa Masek
10:45 - 11:15	Tea and Networking
11:15 – 12:00	Presentation Digital SHERQ Assessment: Harnessing Technology and Innovation to Modernise safety, environment and quality Monitoring, and Compliance Systems <i>Presentation: Monique Botha</i>
12:00 – 12:45	Presentation "Co-Designing the Green Economy: How Corporate Environmental Innovation Delivers Public Policy Mandates" A case of MTN <i>MTN unpacks organizational sustainability and supply-chain processes to minimize waste, featured alongside an Ezulwini community waste-transformation case study.</i> Presentation: MTN and Women Group / Lomakhosetive Tshabalala
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch and Networking
13:45 – 14:30	Panel Bridging National Policy and Global Environmental Commitments: Aligning Eswatini's Regulatory Frameworks with the Paris Agreement, SDGs, and Kunming–Montreal Biodiversity Targets <i>Policy specialists and environmental regulators map pathways for translating international obligations into domestically enforceable standards, protocols and conventions</i> EEA/ MEI / MEPD
14:30 – 15:15	Presentation "Inclusive Futures: Integrating Human Rights and Gender-Responsive Due Diligence into business <i>A candid discussion on integrating human rights, gender-responsive methodologies in business and projects</i> Presenter: Mangaliso Mohammed
15:15 – 16:00	Awards Ceremony Impact Awards Eswatini 2026: Recognising Excellence in SHE Leadership and Sustainable Development Practice <i>A formal awards ceremony honouring SHEQ / innovation, and community sustainability.</i>