

# South African Business & Biodiversity Initiative

7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Global Partnership

## National Biodiversity and Business Network (NBBN)



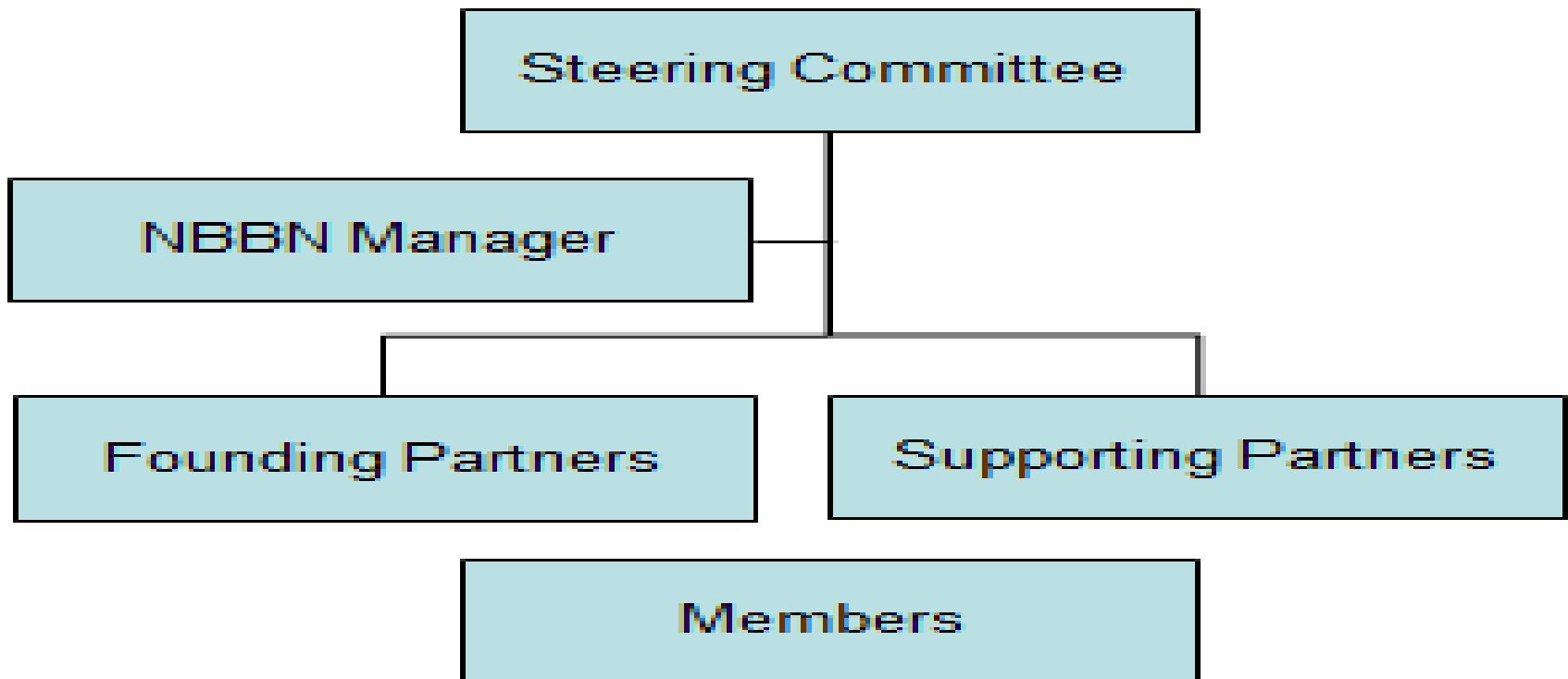
## FOUNDING PARTNERS



## SUPPORTING PARTNERS



- Membership entails: 9 Partners, 3 Supporting Partners & 600 Members
- Governance: Managed by a dedicated manager and supported by Various Experts and & Representatives from Government, NGOs & Business- Steering Committee: Approx.: R900 000 annually



- Progress – NBBN Strategy objectives
- Understanding of the business case for biodiversity
  - Develop a biodiversity performance monitoring framework:

Proposal submitted to funding and donor agents- an online toolkit to facilitate the mainstreaming of biodiversity into business

- Progress – NBBN Strategy objectives
- Facilitate mainstreaming into partner organisations
  - In 2016 conducted biodiversity mainstreaming readiness assessments for each Founding Partner
  - Working with Individual Partner organisations on the development of biodiversity indicators
  - Conducted a biodiversity benchmarking mainstreaming readiness assessment for one Partner

- Progress – NBBN Strategy objectives
- Disseminate business and biodiversity information
  - Monthly Newsletters, Convene & Participate in Events
  - Convened two Provincial/Sub-National Indabas, 1 National
    - KZN Indaba, sponsors (Lottery, Mondi, SASA, EWT, SACNASP)
    - Cape Town Indaba, sponsors (Lottery, Woolworths, Old Mutual, EWT, SACNASP)
    - One National Indaba ( DEA & De Beers, Hatch, Eskom and Woolworths)
  - Mainstreaming into other events
  - Natural Capital Protocol: Finance Sector Supplement, sponsor was Nedbank
  - Presented at Eskom Leadership Conference
  - Responsible Business Forum: Mainstreaming NC in the Private Sector

- Progress – NBBN Strategy objectives
- Input into policy and regulatory framework
  - Participation in Public Policy Consultation Processes
    - Participated and provided input on draft Offsets Policy
    - Participated in the National Biodiversity Research & Evidence Indaba: Science Policy Interface Platform
    - Participated in the IPBES external review of the African Regional Assessment & Land Degradation Assessment

- Progress – NBBN Strategy objectives
- Sustainability of the NBBN
  - Conducted a review of other B&B initiatives across the globe
  - NBBN Strategy developed
  - NBBN strategy (2018 – 2023) is currently under revision
  - Confirmation of Partner membership for 2018
  - Potential Partners consulted.



- Some Government Driven Initiatives
  - Biodiversity Economy: Presidential Initiative
    - Phakisa Approach: Wildlife Economy, Oceans Economy, Rhino Lab
  - BioPanza Initiative: Bioprospecting
  - The GEF6 project: Unlocking biodiversity benefits through development finance in critical catchments prioritizes key catchments in South Africa (2018-2022) and is a partnership between the DEA, Stats SA, DBSA and SANBI.
  - Natural Capital Accounting and Valuation of Ecosystem Services Project- SA one of 5 countries (Brazil, China, India, Mexico) 2017-2019-. United Nations Statistics Division, United Nations Environment Programme, EU, CBD

- Some Challenges & Opportunities
  - Financial Sustainability
  - Value Proposition
  - Branding, Logos
  - Potential Partners (other Cross Cutting Sectors)
  - Governance Structure
  - Biodiversity Disclosure Project
  - Elevate B&B- Part of Biodiversity Economy: Presidential Initiative



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