

# Nature & Circularity Week



# Introduction | Why This Matters



## The Urgency of Change

The world is at a critical juncture where we must **rethink** our relationship with **nature** and **redesign** our systems to be more **regenerative** and sustainable.

**Nature & Circularity Week** brings together thought leaders, innovators, and changemakers to explore transformative solutions that humans progress with ecological well-being.

***“When we realise that we are part of Nature, and part of the cycle of life, everything is connected.”***

## What is Nature & Circularity Week

This **week-long initiative** begins with fieldtrips showcasing innovative case studies and best practices, followed by two interconnected events.

Both events are designed to inspire, challenge, and equip participants with the **knowledge and tools** (how) to drive meaningful change. Whether through legal frameworks or innovative business models, the goal is the same: to create a world where **nature and humanity thrive together**.





# HUMAN (IN) NATURE CONFERENCE

**22 October 2025 | Cape Town, South Africa**

*Rethinking Our Place in Nature*

Exploring and redefining our relation to nature along the following themes.

- Rights of Nature
- Society & Nature
- Business & Nature

# Human (In) Nature Conference | Rethinking our relationship with Nature



## Key Themes

### Rights of Nature

Understanding the rights of nature, the impact of our current relationship with nature, and rethinking our place in nature.

### Society & Nature

How to ensure harmony for nature, communities, societies, economies and culture.

### Business & Nature

Evaluating the effects of businesses on the environment, with the aim to protect, respect, and restore nature. Review case studies on ecosystem restoration after industrial activities.



## Featured Case Studies

### Bergplaas Nature Reserve

A pioneering example of ecosystems owned by themselves in South Africa.

### Grootvlei

Where business practices will restore the relationship between nature, society, and business through restoration and regeneration.

### Table Mountain

The launch & conversation with and about the Rights of Table Mountain movement will show the interconnection.

# Human (In) Nature Conference | Preview of the Day



## **Cultural Connection**

Exploring how different traditions and communities understand and honour nature through storytelling, ancestral practices, and modern expressions.



## **A Global Sketch of the Rights of Nature**

An overview of the growing movement to recognise nature's rights, from legal frameworks to grassroots activism.



## **Past – Present – Future**

A journey through time, reflecting on how our relationship with nature has evolved and what lessons guide our future.



## **Conversation with a friend of Bergplaas**

Personal insights from someone deeply connected to the land, sharing stories of restoration, rewilding, and human-nature balance.



## **Open Space: Your Questions, Your Topics**

An opportunity for participants to bring forward discussions and themes that feel most relevant and urgent.



## **Nature Immersion / Silent Reflection**

A chance to step outside, observe, and connect with nature, whether through guided exercises or quiet contemplation.



## **Business & Nature – Can They Coexist?**

Case studies and conversations on how businesses are rethinking their impact and role in ecosystem restoration.



## **Closing Circle: What Have We Discovered?**

A collective reflection on the day's insights, emerging themes, and key takeaways.



# **SOUTH AFRICA** CIRCULAR ECONOMY SUMMIT 2025

*Reimagine. Redesign. Redefine. Reconnect.*

**23 October 2025 | Cape Town, South Africa**

*Reimagining New Systems*

Showcasing circular economy solutions that eliminate waste, regenerate natural systems, and create sustainable business models.



# What to Expect at the Circular Summit



Insights into circular **innovations**



**Networking** with sustainability advocates



Collaborative vision-building **sessions**



Hands-on **workshops** for practical skills



Investment and funding **guidance**

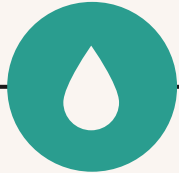


**Keynotes** from circular economy leaders

# South Africa Circular Summit 2025 | Potential Sessions

In these sessions, we will explore compelling case studies, pilot projects, and best practices that showcase how we, as humans, **are rethinking and redefining** our relationship with nature.

We invite **you** to think along, add, and suggest these potential topics.



**Circular  
Water  
Systems &  
Resilience**



**Smart  
Circular  
Technologies  
& AI**



**Regenerative  
& Low-  
Impact  
Tourism**



**Circular Food  
& Soil  
Regeneration**



**Sustainable  
Textiles &  
Closed-Loop  
Fashion**



**Responsible  
Resource Use  
& Energy  
Transition**



# Call to Action | How can you get involved?



## Collaborate & Innovate

### Co-create solutions

Work together on new ideas and initiatives.

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### Align policies & practices

Work together to integrate sustainable principles into business strategies and operations.

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### Form strategic partnerships

Foster connections across industries and sectors to drive collective impact.



## Showcase & Share

### Host an exhibit or demo

Present innovations or solutions.

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### Present a case study

Highlight successful projects and lessons learned.

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### Demonstrate thought leadership

Contribute insights and share expertise through interactive sessions.



## Inspire Action

### Launch an initiative

Introduce a circular project, challenge, or competition.

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### Present a relevant good practice

Highlight successful approaches.

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### Pledge commitments

Make measurable sustainability goals public.



# Sponsors and Collaborators | Partnership Opportunities

Any partnership opportunity can be **tailored to the need and budget of the organisation**.

Sponsorships **in kind** which will cover event costs are very welcome.

We would like to keep the ticket price as low as possible to keep the **event inclusive and accessible to all**, as this is not a commercial event. As such we are looking for amazing sponsors to assist us with **making this event a success**.

Overall Event Sponsor	Co-Host	Communication, Technical / Venue Partner	Breakout / side event	Expo & Networking Space Partner
<b>R700,000+</b>	<b>R350,000+</b>	<b>R100,000+</b>	<b>R100,000– R150,000+</b>	<b>R20,000– R100,000+</b>
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Brand mention in materials	Brand mention in materials	Brand mention in materials	Brand mention in materials	Brand mention in materials
Logo on materials and website	Logo on materials and website	Logo on materials and website	Logo on materials and website	Logo on materials and website
Banner placement at summit	Banner placement at summit	Banner placement at summit	Banner placement at summit	Banner placement at summit
10 Registration tickets	8 Registration tickets	7 Registration tickets	6 Registration tickets	5 Registration tickets
<b>Media visibility and quote</b>	<b>Media visibility and quote</b>			
<b>Plenary Speaker slot</b>				

**Pre-register for the event here**



# The conference organisers



**TRG** is a leading sustainability consultancy offering bespoke circular business strategies and accredited educational programs globally with offices in South Africa, Brussels and the Netherlands.

**ACEN** has championed the circular economy since 2016 across 42 African countries, uniting over 500 members to create a sustainable future.

**SIB** spearheads the adoption of sustainable and circular business practices in Kenya through impactful knowledge-sharing and strategic collaborations.

**Bergplaas Nature Reserve**, a 5,000-hectare sanctuary in South Africa's Great Karoo, offers transformative programs connecting participants with nature's profound stillness.



## Get in touch

If you'd like to learn more about the events and how to become a partner or sponsor, please reach out and we will send more information and arrange a call.



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