

TOPIC

Recycling of post-consumer waste in SA, prospects for growth

SYNOPSIS

Waste disposal to landfill is still the main waste management option applied in South Africa despite legislative requirements to move up the waste hierarchy towards minimisation, reuse and recycling of waste. In 2011 South Africa disposed 90% of all waste generated. The economic value of resources recovered through recycling in 2012 in South Africa is estimated at R8.2 billion. This value could increase to R25.2 billion of all recyclable material going to landfill could be recovered. The presentation will provide some insights on current recycling rates of post-consumer packaging waste in SA and the prospects for growth

SPEAKER

Dr Suzan Oelofse – CSIR

Dr Oelofse obtained a Ph.D. degree in Botany in 1994. After a short career in botany, she joined government where her focus changed to pollution and waste management. After 10 years in government she moved to the CSIR, in 2006 where she currently holds the position of Principal Researcher and Research Group Leader for Waste Management for Development. Her research interests include the institutional and legal framework within which waste is managed in South Africa; waste information and data; re-use of industrial waste streams and reducing the environmental impacts of waste. She is also an Extra-ordinary Associate Professor in the Unit for Environmental Sciences and Management of the North-West University and the current President of the Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa.



Date: Friday 10 April 2015
TIME: 07:30 for 08:00
VENUE: Thaba Eco Hotel, Impala Road, Klipriviersberg Nature Reserve, Johannesburg
COST: R50 pp payable at the entrance - includes finger snacks
RSVP: SOJO Office: Tel: 011 493 7880 info@sojo.co.za Fax: 011 493 1702
INFO: www.klipsa.org.za