

Call for nominations for Future Earth Africa Hub Advisory Board

CONTEXT

The National Research Foundation (NRF) is pleased to announce the opening of nominations for the appointment of the Future Earth Africa Hub Advisory Board.

Future Earth is a global initiative that aims to advance sustainability science. Announced in June 2012 at the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), Future Earth builds on more than three decades of international global change research. The Future Earth approved the NRF to serve as the host of the Future Earth Global Secretariat Hub for Africa in March 2022. The Africa Hub joined eight other global secretariat hubs, namely: Canada, China, France, Japan, South Asia, Sweden, Taipei, and the United States. In ensuring a comprehensive consultative process, the NRF embarked on a phased implementation process which will culminate into a fully functional Africa Hub with all its governance structures in operation. By design, the Africa Hub operates as a global initiative with a strong African presence and voice, integrating Africa's thriving and expanding sustainability science, policy, and funding communities into the global sustainability science arena. The approach taken articulates a clear framework for the Future Earth Africa Global Secretariat Hub, which includes the Future Earth Africa Hub Leadership Centre (AHLC) co-hosted in South Africa by Rhodes University and the University of Pretoria. The Future Earth AHLC's function includes coordination of regional participation through the five African regionally distributed Nodes: Southern Africa, East Africa; North Africa; Central Africa; and West Africa. These nodes will be strategically located throughout the continent and supported by academic partner institutions and other partners such as governments, non-governmental organizations, and private sector.

Future Earth Africa Hub Advisory Board will be tasked with:

- Providing strategic advice and input on the Future Earth Africa Hub 's long-term goals, vision, and mission Related to sustainability science and capacity development on the African continent.
- Formulate a continental Future Earth strategy for short-, medium-, and long-term deliverables on activities in various domains, including capacity building, research collaboration, research infrastructure, and others.
- Offer subject matter expertise in various aspects of sustainability science, including in the continent's identified priority areas/themes, to ensure the Hub's initiatives are well-informed and effectively implemented, ensuring that Africa priorities and interests inform the global Future Earth agenda and activities.
- Advisory board members will provide strategic counsel and expert guidance to the NRF, Leadership Centre, and the Nodes in line with the Future Earth mandate.
- Facilitate Future Earth Africa Hub to establish and maintain effective connections and partnerships with other organizations, institutions, and experts within and outside Africa in the field of sustainability science.

PURPOSE OF THE CALL

To invite nominations to serve on the Future Earth Africa Hub advisory board.

WHO MAY APPLY/NOMINATE

- Individuals who have participated in at least one of the Future Earth programmes or activities. This may include GRNs and other Future Earth Networks (e.g. ECRs Networks).
- Strongly recommend that potential nominees familiarise themselves with the work of Future Earth and that of the Future Earth Africa Hub.
- Sustainability Research Organisations including Policy Makers, Funders, Private Sector, and NGOs.

HOW TO APPLY/ NOMINATE

To apply or nominate a delegate, please click the link below and complete the form.

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SUBMITTING A NOMINATION

To be emailed to Noko Moloto an.moloto@risa.nrf.ac.za and Lebogang Mpetle ml.mpetle@risa.nrf.ac.za.

1. Completed nomination form including Personal information: name, email, institution affiliation, and a brief description of the nominee's role.
2. Statement of interest, e.g. why the nominee wants to serve on the Board or why the nominator nominated the nominee.
3. Statement of qualifications and specific experiences the nominee would bring to the Board.

HOW ARE APPLICATIONS EVALUATED?

The nominations will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

Quality of the applicants:

- Evidence of significant contributions to and/or leadership in their area of expertise.
- Evidence of experience in managing regional and/or international research projects.
- Evidence of experience in stakeholder engagement / management particularly local communities.
- Evidence of experience in policy drafting, analysis and implementation.
- Evidence of experience in developing project proposals. Evidence of experience in project management.
- Knowledge of Future Earth and its priorities.

CALL TIMELINES

The nomination deadline is **16 August 2024**.

The Board onboarding process shall take place in October 2024.

Successful new members will be expected to start serving on the board on 1 November 2024.

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QUESTIONS AND QUERIES

If you have questions about the Board, please feel free to contact:

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