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- 8.30am Registration
- 9 am **Welcome and opening**
HE Mr Molosiwa Selepeng Botswana High Commissioner and Dean of the African Heads of Mission
- 9.10am **Panel 1: Australia's relations with Africa**
Moderator : HE Dr Hassan El-Laithy, Ambassador for Egypt
Australia's diplomatic relations
Andrew Barnes Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Australia's development assistance program to Africa
Lisa Rauter Africa Branch, AusAID
Australian NGO programs
Marc Purcell CEO, Australian Council for International Development
The role of Australian business organisations
Roger de Robillard President, Australia Africa Business Council, NSW Chapter
Discussion
- 10.30am Morning Tea
- 11 am **Panel 2: Trade and aid in Africa**
Moderator: Dr Daniel Connell ANU
Does Australian aid to Africa have a future, and if so what should it look like?
Professor Stephen Howes ANU
Australia and Africa going forward
Ann Harrap AHC Consulting
Resource companies and economic development
Dr Brian Fisher BAEconomics Pty Ltd
Corporate social responsibility in the Egyptian mining sector: The case of Centamin
Adjunct Professor Bob Bowker ANU and Director, Centamin
- 12.10pm **Trade and aid (continued)/Australian Organisations working with Africa**
Moderator: Professor Helen Ware, UNE
Austrade
Dr Matthew Durban Austrade
A humanitarian view of aid
Helen Horn Director, Humanitarian Partnership Agreement
Australia Africa Universities Network (AAUN)
Dr Nesrin Varol AAUN /Sydney University
African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP)
Dr Alec Thornton Vice-President, African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific
Discussion
- 1 pm Lunch

- 1.40pm **Corporate social responsibility**
A discussion conducted by The Australian National University African Student's Association
- 2 pm **Panel 3: Millennium Development Goals and post-2015 Development Agenda**
Moderator: Clare Walsh, International Programs and Partnerships, AusAID
- Food security**
Mellissa Wood Director, Australian International Food Security Centre
- Water, food and climate change**
Dr Jamie Pittock ANU
- Millennium Development Goals and what next**
Dr Joel Negin Sydney University
- Discussion
- 3.15pm Afternoon Tea
- 3.45pm **Panel 4: Australian Entrepreneurship in Africa**
Moderator: Professor Sue Stocklmayer, ANU
- Applying wind power**
Dr Nathan Steggel GM Operations Windlab
- Trends in renewable energy : Applications and development in Africa**
Dr Geoffrey Munyeme Dyesol Australia
- Vaccines, poultry and the poor**
Associate Professor Robyn Alders Sydney University, Director of KYEEMA Foundation
- Discussion
- 4.45pm **Reflections and prospects**
Mrs Yvonne Wamalwa Acting High Commissioner for Kenya
- Rapporteur**
HE Mr Ayo Ayoola Olukanni High Commissioner for Nigeria
- Discussion
- 5.30pm Close

Side Session: Roundtable on small foundations and social enterprises in Africa

- Venue: Bob Douglas Lecture Theatre, ANU (NCEPH corner of Eggleston and Mills Road)
- 2 pm **Small foundations and social enterprises in Africa**
Moderator: Associate Professor Robyn Alders, Sydney University, Director of KYEEMA Foundation
- Rapporteur**
Dr Penny Farrell Sydney University

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS, MODERATORS AND RAPPORTEURS

His Excellency Mr Molosiwa Selepeng

High Commissioner of the Republic of Botswana to Australia

Mr Selepeng holds a degree in Politics & Administration from the University of Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland. He joined the Department of External Affairs of Botswana and was posted to London (twice) and Brussels. Thereafter he enjoyed a series of public service appointments including Senior Private Secretary to the President, Deputy Secretary for External Affairs in the Department of External Affairs and Permanent Secretary, Political Affairs, Office of the President. From 1999 to 2003 Mr Selepeng was Secretary to the Cabinet, Permanent Secretary to the President and Head of the Public Service.

In his varied diplomatic and civil service career Mr Selepeng has been involved in multilateral trade negotiations including Lome 1 and 2 and the Lancaster House Constitutional Talks for Southern Rhodesia which lead to political settlement in that country. In addition he has been actively involved in the United Nations including as adviser to the Botswana Delegation at the General Assembly, as leader of the Botswana delegation to the United Nations Human Rights Commission in 1990 and subsequently as a delegate to the UN Summit Conference on the Environment, Rio de Janeiro, and to the UN Conference on Human rights, Vienna.

Mr Selepeng was appointed High Commissioner of the Republic of Botswana to Australia and New Zealand in 2003. He is presently Dean of the African Diplomatic Community in Australia.

His Excellency Dr Hassan El-Laithy

Ambassador of Egypt

Dr El-Laithy trained as a medical doctor at Al Azhar University in Cairo and subsequently joined the Egyptian Diplomatic Corp, graduating from the Egyptian Diplomatic Institute at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

His diplomatic career includes postings to Abu Dhabi, Libya, Germany, Nigeria, Namibia, Austria and Croatia. Between 2007 and 2010, Dr El-Laithy served as the first Egyptian ambassador to the Slovak Republic. Subsequently he was appointed Deputy Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for European Affairs and Strategic and Security Organisations in Europe.

Ambassador El-Laithy has extended experience in the area of the relationship between democratic transition, economic progress, structural reform, capacity building and governmental and private sector partnerships, and has participated in many international fora including the Bled Strategic Forum. He has a particular interest in inter-religious relations and dialogue and the role of inter-religious dialogue in increasing social understanding, social enfranchisement and social equity.

In 2012, Dr El-Laithy was appointed Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Australia (Resident) and non-Resident Ambassador to New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Samoa and the Marshall Islands.

Dr Daniel Connell

Crawford School of Public Policy, ANU

Dr Daniel Connell teaches and researches at the Australian National University, Crawford School of Public Policy. His research focuses on governance issues affecting rivers in federal systems such as Australia, Southern Africa, the United States, Europe, India, China and Brazil. Daniel also teaches courses dealing with the politics of trans-boundary rivers and environmental policy and communications. His publications include *Water Politics in the Murray Darling Basin* published in 2007 by Federation Press and *Basin Futures: water reform in the Murray-Darling Basin* co-edited with Quentin Grafton and published by ANU E-Press.

Professor Helen Ware

University of New England

Helen Ware was appointed Foundation Professor of International Leadership and Peace Studies at University of New England in 2002 when she left AusAID. Her academic work on Africa began at The Australian National University in 1972 when she became Field Director of the Changing Africa Family Project covering twelve African countries. Helen was High Commissioner to Zambia, with non-resident accreditation to Malawi, Namibia and Angola, from 1988 to 1991. Her current involvement with Africa includes teaching Zambian and Kenyan students at a distance and Nigerian PhD students in Armidale. She is the former President of Sanctuary, Armidale which operates a rotating credit fund to pay the fares and establishment costs of humanitarian entrants and refugees from South Sudan, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea and Ethiopia.

Clare Walsh

First Assistant Director, International Policy and Partnerships Division, AusAID

Clare Walsh commenced her career with the Australian Public Service in Environment Australia in 1999. In 2007, Clare was a 'founding staff member' of the newly created Department of Climate Change (DCC) and in 2011 Clare was promoted to First Assistant Secretary of DCC's International Division where she was responsible for Australia's international climate change policy, including carbon markets.

In 2012, Clare joined AusAID where she oversees Australia's global engagement on development, ranging from global policy development in the G20 and the United Nations (including MDGs, sustainable development goals and post-2015 development agenda), to headquarter relationships with key UN Organisations, bilateral donors, global health, education and sustainable development funds, Multilateral Development Banks and the Commonwealth.

Clare was born in Papua New Guinea, and grew up in Kalgoorlie and Perth. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Curtin University, a Graduate Certificate in Environmental Sciences from Murdoch University and a Masters of Management from The Australian National University.

Professor Sue Stocklmayer

Director, Centre for the Public Awareness of Science, ANU

Professor Sue Stocklmayer is the Director of the Centre for the Public Awareness of Science. As part of the University's outreach programs, she has presented festival science shows, lectures and workshops on five continents.

Sue grew up in Zambia, graduated in physics and chemistry from the University of London and worked on the Zambian copper mines as a chemist. She emigrated to Australia in 1982 after co-directing an extensive hands-on science program for rural village students in Zimbabwe. She returned to postgraduate study at Curtin University in Perth, where she gained a Graduate Diploma in Applied Science and an M Phil. Her early experiences in physics laid the foundation for a deep and abiding interest in gender issues in science. In 1996, Sue moved to The Australian National University. She was awarded an AM in 2004 for science communication initiatives, which have included Africa.

Mrs Yvonne Wamalwa

Acting High Commissioner of the Republic of Kenya to Australia

Mrs Wamalwa's early career was in the hospitality industry. She holds a degree in the discipline from the United Kingdom where she enjoyed a successful career in hotel management. Subsequently she focused on International Security Studies and holds Bachelors and Masters degrees in policing, intelligence and counter-terrorism.

While spouse of the late Vice President of Kenya in the early 2000s she was involved in several charitable organisations. These included the Touch Africa foundation addressing the needs of orphans and widows where she was Director. She also served as Goodwill Ambassador for the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund and on the Advisory Board on Child Protection Policy in Kenya among others. In 2006, she was appointed by the then Kenyan President to the Kenyan Mission to UN Habitat as Deputy Permanent Representative.

In 2009, she was appointed to the Kenya High Commission in Canberra as the Deputy High Commissioner.

His Excellency Ayo Olukanni

Nigerian High Commissioner to Australia

Prior to his posting to Canberra, with concurrent accreditation to the South Pacific in 2011 Ayo Olukanni served as Ambassador to Austria and Slovakia, as well as posts to the United Nations in a variety of fields.

His 1991 Master's thesis at the University of Lagos was titled 'International Law and the Environment: Trends and Evolution of The Issues'. His extensive diplomatic experience with the Nigerian Foreign Service since 1980 included five multilateral postings, including to the Lome Convention in Belgium and the Permanent Mission of Nigeria to the United Nations in 1986. At the UN, he was closely involved in development activities through the UNDP, UNICEF, UNFPA, and key International Financial Institutions.

In 2000, he returned to the Nigerian delegation at the UN in New York, where he worked with the G77 in negotiating the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). This was followed by diplomatic missions to Kenya, UN Environment Programme (UNEP) and UNHABITAT.

Associate Professor Robyn Alders AO

University of Sydney and KYEEMA Foundation

Robyn Alders (BVSc,USyd; PhD, ANU) is an Associate Professor with the Faculty of Veterinary Science within the University of Sydney and a Director of the KYEEMA Foundation. For over 20 years, she has worked closely with smallholder farmers in Africa as a veterinarian, researcher and colleague, with an emphasis on the development of sustainable infectious disease control in rural areas, especially the control of Newcastle disease in village chickens. Robyn's time in Africa commenced in 1989 with a truly enjoyable and educational three years in Zambia, followed by a remarkable 12 years in Mozambique and 10 months in Angola most recently which helped to brush up her Portuguese.

In January 2011, Robyn was made an Officer of the Order of Australia for distinguished service to veterinary science as a researcher and educator, to the maintenance of food security in developing countries through livestock management and disease control programs.

Dr Penny Farrell

University of Sydney, Strengthening food security in southern and eastern Africa project

Penny Farrell is a veterinarian and public health researcher with training in veterinary clinical practice, epidemiology and policy analysis. Penny completed her veterinary degree at the University of Sydney in 2007 and has been working in clinical practice since then. She graduated last year with a Masters in International Public Health at the University of Sydney due to her steadily growing desire to apply her medical knowledge and research skills to improve the quality of life of people and animals in resource poor and culturally marginalised settings.

Since 2011, she has been involved in setting up a combined animal health and food security and nutrition project in Tanzania and Zambia. In 2012, she became part of a team of nutritional epidemiologists, medical anthropologists, economists, veterinarians and policymakers implementing a new project funded by the Australian International Food Security Centre entitled 'Strengthening food security through family poultry and crop integration in eastern and southern Africa'.

SPEAKERS AND PANELLISTS

Andrew Barnes

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Andrew Barnes is currently Director, Southern and Central Africa Section in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. During his career in DFAT, Andrew has also been the department's exchange officer in the Canadian Foreign Ministry and earlier had a posting to Stockholm as First Secretary. In 1995-96, he worked for the World Food Program and Catholic Relief Services in southern Sudan (now South Sudan) on emergency food relief projects and managing internally displaced person (IDP) camps.

Lisa Rauter

Assistant Director General, Africa and Middle East Branch, AusAID

Lisa Rauter is an Assistant Director General at AusAID, responsible for the delivery of the Australian Government's \$350 million development assistance program to Africa. Lisa is a qualified accountant, having previously been the Chief Finance Officer at AusAID. Prior to being with AusAID, Lisa has a background in public private partnerships, including the delivery of various government infrastructure projects in the Defence, Customs and Transport portfolios as well as the Medicare electronic claiming network. Lisa holds a Masters in Applied Finance, a CPA and a Bachelor Degree in Commerce (Banking and Finance).

Marc Purcell

Executive Director, Australian Council for International Development

Marc Purcell is the Executive Director of the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID), a position he has held since mid-2009. Marc has worked for 18 years in the community development and human rights sectors in Australia starting out working with intellectually disabled people in transition programs to independent living.

Marc has held the role of Advocacy Manager with Oxfam Australia and the Executive Officer with the Catholic Commission for Justice Development and Peace.

He worked as Country Program Manager for Africa for Australian Volunteers International watching over volunteers in 13 countries in Southern and Eastern Africa and over sighting HIV and AIDS peer education programs in Southern Africa. Marc has also worked with UNHCR in Nepal assisting Tibetans, and researched China's global rise and impacts on developing countries for Oxfam Hong Kong.

Marc is a board member of Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust, and is on the Board of the National Roundtable of Non Profit Organisations. He has served on the Boards of the Refugee Immigration Legal Centre, A Just Australia, and Catholic Social Services Victoria.

Marc has a first class honours degree in Arts and a Master of Arts in Burmese History from Monash University.

Roger De Robillard

President, Australia Africa Business Council NSW

Roger was born in Mauritius and is now a Sydney-based barrister. He was a Managing Partner in a Commercial Law firm before being called to the Bar where he practised from Wentworth Chambers. He is a Life Member of the Inner-City Legal Centre (Volunteer Community sector); and a recipient of the 2003 Law and Justice Foundation Award. He has extensive international experience in law having appeared in constitutional cases on behalf of the government and President of the Republic of Vanuatu and has also worked with and for the governments of Mauritius and the Solomon Islands. He represented the Republic of Vanuatu at meetings of the 'Agence de la Francophonie'. Roger is passionate about issues relating to the rule of law, good governance and the protection of human rights. He is particularly interested in history and politics. Roger holds degrees in Arts (majoring in history) and Law from The University of Sydney and a Diplôme Supérieur des Affaires (Paris). He speaks fluent English, French and Créole.

Professor Stephen Howes

Director, Development Policy Centre and International and Development Economics, Crawford School of Public Policy, The Australian National University

Prior to joining the Crawford School in 2009, Stephen was Chief Economist at the Australian Agency for International Development. He worked from 1994 to 2005 at the World Bank, first in Washington and then in Delhi, where he was Lead Economist for India. In 2008, he worked on the Garnaut Review on Climate Change, where he managed the Review's international work stream.

Stephen serves as a Board Member for CARE Australia. He has previously served on the Board of the Pacific Institute of Public Policy, and on the Advisory Council of the Asian Development Bank Institute. He is the Director of the Development Policy Centre, as well as the International and Development Economics teaching program at the Crawford School.

Anne Harrap

AHC Consulting

Ms Harrap was High Commissioner to South Africa, with non-resident accreditation to Botswana, Namibia, Angola, Lesotho, Swaziland and Mozambique, from 2008-2012. During her 20-year career with DFAT, Ms Harrap also served as Deputy High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea, political counsellor in the United Kingdom and Charge d'Affairs in Baghdad. Her first posting as a junior diplomat was also to South Africa. Ms Harrap holds a BA/LLB from the University of Queensland and a Graduate Diploma in Foreign Affairs and Trade from The Australian National University. Ms Harrap currently works as an independent consultant.

Dr Brian Fisher AO PSM

Managing Director of BAEconomics Pty Ltd, an Australian economic consultancy firm

Dr Brian Fisher is one of Australia's most respected advisers on climate change, emissions trading and the economic impact of current and future climate and energy policies. He is a well known commentator on Australian agricultural, minerals and energy commodities. Previously he was Executive Director, Economic Analysis at Concept Economics, which specialised in the application of economic analysis to complex issues of public policy, through the development of economic arguments, models and evidence.

Brian Fisher holds a PhD in agricultural economics and a DScAgr (Honoris Causa) from the University of Sydney. From 1985 to 1988 he was Professor of Agriculture Economics at that University. In 1988, he was appointed as Executive Director of the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics (ABARE).

Concurrently with his position at ABARE, in 1993 Brian was appointed one of the experts completing the socioeconomic assessment of climate change for the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Second Assessment Report. In addition to his position with ABARE in 2003 and 2004 he was an Associate Commissioner of the Productivity Commission and in 2005 the Chairman of the Prime Minister's Exports and Infrastructure Taskforce.

Professor Bob Bowker

Director, Centamin and Adjunct Professor, Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies,
The Australian National University

Bob Bowker is a non-executive director of Centamin, and chair of its Health, Safety, Environment and Sustainability Committee.

Centamin is an Australian-origin company developing the first modern gold mine in Egypt at Sukari, and with exploration interests in Ethiopia. Sukari is the largest gold mining operation in the world not owned by a major international gold mining company.

In 2008, Professor Bowker took up an appointment as Adjunct Professor in the Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies at the Australian National University, Canberra, Australia following his retirement from the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). A specialist on Middle East and Islamic issues, he joined the then-Australian Department of External Affairs in 1971. Professor Bowker had six overseas postings with DFAT, and also served as a UN official in Gaza and Jerusalem. As Australian ambassador to Egypt (2005-2008), he was also accredited as non-resident ambassador to Libya, Sudan, Syria and Tunisia.

Dr Matthew Durban

Lead Economist, International trade and investment, the Australian Trade Commission (Austrade)

Dr Matthew Durban is the Australian Trade Commission's lead economist and trade commissioner designate to Indonesia. He has more than 20 years experience in marketing, economic research and analysis, and high level representation initially in London and then in Australia from 1991 working for a variety of multinational and local enterprises. Between 1997 and 2000, he consulted to business and government on direct investment projects between Australia and South Africa. From 2001, Matthew was the research and planning manager for a leading Australian law firm. He joined the Australian Commonwealth Public Service in 2006 and takes up his Post in Jakarta at the end of 2013.

His specialties are leading and communicating research, bespoke market and opportunity evaluation, export and foreign direct investment demand analysis based on extensive overseas field work, high level trade and investment representation, development of commercial insights, competitive intelligence and strategy development.

Dr Nesrin Varol

University of Sydney

Dr Varol is a gynaecological surgeon and senior lecturer at Sydney Medical School. In her previous role as International Development Manager, Africa, at the University of Sydney, she was involved in establishing the Australia Africa Universities Network and is a member of the Consultative Group. She also coordinated the establishment of an African Coordinating Centre for abandonment of female genital cutting in Kenya. Currently she acts as Senior Medical Advisor at the Office of Vice Chancellor, on international collaborations on health.

She is an Expert Member of the WHO Global Initiative for Emergency and Essential Surgical Care.

Helen Horn MBE

Director, Humanitarian Partnership Agreement (HPA), Australia

Helen Horn took up her role as Director of the HPA in November 2011. Her interests include small agriculture, access to markets, resilience and the post 2015 agenda.

Helen has over thirty years international diplomatic and government experience, complemented by not-for-profit roles and private sector interface. As a former ambassador and senior diplomat her career has focused on political and economic relationships, the UN, emergencies management, the humanitarian, development and human rights agenda. Assignments have taken her to a number of African posts, including as the first resident British Ambassador to Guinea, covering both domestic and regional issues; Consul General to Queensland; a pan-African Regional Affaires, Lesotho and Swaziland remit, and interim Charge d'Affaires in Zaire (now DRC) during the time of political unrest and riots, the Rwanda and Ebola crisis.

In 2009, Helen returned to London to an international NGO managing humanitarian programs for Africa, and covered recent major emergencies in Africa.

Dr Alec Thornton

The University of New South Wales

Dr Alec Thornton is a Senior Lecturer in Geography at The University of New South Wales (UNSW Canberra) at the School of Physical Environmental and Mathematical Sciences. His research interests are urban agriculture and sustainable community based development in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Alec is also vice president of The African Studies Association of Australasia and the Pacific (AFSAAP). AFSAAP is a national network of academics, students, consultants, activists, diplomats, artists, community leaders, and others who share a mutual interest in the promotion of African Studies in Australasia and the Pacific region.

Mellissa Wood

[Australian International Food Security Centre](#)

Ms Mellissa Wood is the Director of the new Australian International Food Security Centre (AIFSC). The AIFSC is working to accelerate the delivery and adoption of agricultural innovations for food security through bridging the gap between the development and adoption of research outcomes. These innovations include technologies, enabling policies and improved farming practices.

Ms Wood has international experience in food security issues having recently returned to Australia in March 2012 after working with the Rome-based Global Crop Diversity Trust for two years as Director of Operations and for three years as the Director of Program Development. In these roles she has worked with many partners and engaged with global institutions, including the FAO, the CGIAR, World Bank and major donor organisations and governments.

Ms Wood has led scientific teams working on natural resource management issues, monitoring and sustainability reporting, the development of online tools for knowledge management, conservation agriculture and food security. She has partnered with international governments, the Australian Commonwealth and state governments, industry bodies and with national and international NGOs and farmer groups.

Dr Jamie Pittock

[Fenner School of Environment and Society, The Australian National University;](#)
[Director, International Programs, UNESCO Chair in Water Economics and Transboundary Water Governance](#)

Dr Pittock is a Senior Lecturer in the Fenner School of Environment and Society at The Australian National University. He has been Director of International Programs for the UNESCO Chair in Water Economics and Transboundary Water Governance and also Program Leader of the Australia and United States Climate, Energy and Water Nexus Project for the US Studies Centre and ANU from 2010. Dr Pittock worked for non-government environmental organisations in Australia and internationally from 1989-2007, including as Director of WWF's Global Freshwater Programme from 2001-2007. His research focuses on better governance of the interlinked issues of water management, energy and food supply, responding to climate change and conserving biological diversity.

Dr Joel Negin

[University of Sydney](#)

Joel Negin is Director of Research and Senior Lecturer in International Public Health at The University of Sydney. Before moving to Australia, Joel worked for several years on health and development programs in Rwanda, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Botswana and Mali for United Nations agencies, governments, universities and the private sector. He served as technical adviser to the National AIDS Councils in Kenya and Botswana. Since moving to Australia, Joel has written and commented extensively on Australia's relationship with the countries of Africa. He authored the Africa chapter for the Australian Government's *Independent Review of Aid Effectiveness*. His research focuses on the HIV response, health systems strengthening and capacity building models. Joel has degrees from Harvard, Columbia and the University of Sydney.

Dr Nathan Steggel

Windlab

Nathan is a co-founder of Windlab and a global leader in the field of wind resource assessment. He has been integrally involved in the early stage prospecting and project development activities of the majority of Windlab's portfolio. Before Windlab, Nathan was employed as a post-doctoral fellow at leading research institutes in the UK (EnFlo) and Australia (CSIRO). Nathan was the lead developer of WindScape.

Windlab's projects include the Amakhala Emoyeni Wind Farm Project located near Bedford in South Africa's Eastern Cape Province. Amakhala Emoyeni is lightly populated yet close to good infrastructure such as roads and the national electricity grid. The strong point of connection and the large amount of land available with expected high wind resource is likely to make this area one of South Africa's major wind energy centre locations in the future. The project has been awarded Environmental Authorisation following an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

Dr Geoffrey Munyeme

Dyesol Australia Pty Ltd

Dr Geoffrey Munyeme is a Zambian currently working as a research scientist for Dyesol Limited in Queanbeyan (NSW). Dyesol is an Australian clean technology company developing cutting-edge, sustainable energy solutions. Geoffrey received his PhD in Physics from Debye Institute at Utrecht University (Netherlands) in 2003. Geoffrey worked as Lecturer in Physics at University of Zambia for 17 years and assumed the roles of Head of Department and Leader for the Energy and Environment Research Group. In 2007, Geoffrey joined Sunday Solar Technologies in Penrith (Western Sydney) as a Program Manager for Photovoltaic Cell Research and Development.

In 2010, Geoffrey moved to Canberra to work for Dyesol as a device physicist. Geoffrey has been active in the area of renewable energy applications and has previously worked as a consultant for the Ministry of Energy in Zambia, Core International and supervised photovoltaic rural installation programs funded by the World Bank.

The Africa Update Planning Committee includes representatives of AusAID, the African Heads of Mission in Canberra, and The Australian National University, Crawford School of Public Policy, the Australia Africa Business Council (ACT Chapter) and the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID).

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