

Proposed newsletter (and associated work package)	Discussion points for seminar	Lead author / presenter	City / external stakeholder	Date of seminar	Event type
WP1 – <i>Stormwater ponds for a water resilient Cape Town: overflowing with potential?</i>	Usefulness of MCA process and GIS-based screening tool for selection and use of stormwater ponds in Cape Town as multifunctional blue-green infrastructure - planning perspective as well as some of the practicalities of managing these spaces	Jess Fell	Andrew McDonald and Joanne Jackson	3 November 2023 – Launch of CoP	Webinar
WP2 – <i>Stormwater ponds as biodiversity ‘stepping stones’.</i> (Could include educational flyer as well as a newsletter)	Explain why biodiversity is important; highlight the use and protection of indigenous (endangered) species. Comment on the use of BGI as ‘stepping stones’. Share examples from pond planting	Julia Mclachlan	City’s Biodiversity department / NGOs	February 2024	Webinar
WP2 – <i>Transition to novel Internet of Things technology for management of groundwater resources</i>	Use of sensor technologies in the monitoring of blue-green infrastructure projects (BRGM and MeteoNAPP groundwater dashboard; telemetry monitoring)	Miriam Arinaitwe / John Okedi / Nompumelelo Mnisi	City or Umvoto or SAWS or BRGM who is involved in water monitoring	May 2024	Webinar
WP2 – <i>Multifunctionality from a City planning perspective – what is it and why is it important?</i>	Urban planning and design concepts from UCIU and build on City’s Innovation platform stuff as well as their stated aims in respect of LUW and CFF C40	Kirsty Carden, Julia Mclachlan, Amber Abrams	Urban Catalytic Investment Unit-City	August 2024	Webinar
WP3 – <i>Locally-led organisation around multifunctional ponds</i>	Our civic process and examples from Friends of groups, anchors and champions in various sites	Amber Abrams	Local civics / Princessvlei /SEED / MRT	November 2024	In-person event?

WP2 – <i>Monitoring water quality in MAR BGI projects</i>	Importance of water quality monitoring and impact of BGI on MAR. Physico-chemical tracking (Gundo Mathoho)	Rachelle Schneuwly, Kirsty Carden, John Okedi	Other DFC-supported project partners? ESKOM, BIOGRIP	January 2025	Webinar
WP3 – <i>Fostering and assessing local stewardship around the implementation of BGI</i>	Starting point is the idea that stewardship is made up of care, agency and knowledge (Enqvist). Giving examples of these elements from the pond (or elsewhere) – activities and assessments	Lise Herslund	Local stakeholders?	April 2025	Webinar
WP3 – <i>Multifunctional BGI requires multi-layered maintenance and co-production of management plans</i>	Co-design of management plans based on examples from different spaces; workshop processes with civics, city etc. <i>Align with Intl symposium on MAR</i>	Amber Abrams, Kirsty Carden	CoCT officials Environment / Biodiversity	May 2025	Workshop ?
WP4 – <i>Institutionalising multifunctional BGI towards a water sensitive city</i>	Input from pond and case sites – including policy review from MAR BGI study	Kirsty Carden	WWF (Table Mountain Water Source partnership)	July 2025	In person?
WP4 – <i>A Community of Practice around water resilience in Cape Town and other developing cities</i>	Using existing FW forum and wsdsa.org website. Include catalogue of collaboration across different sectors and co-production activities in other resilience programmes, e.g. LUW / CFF C40	Kirsty Carden	LUW, GIZ / CFF C40	September 2025	In-person?