

Seminars / Newsletters for PaWS2 CoP – 2024/25

Toolkit theme	Proposed newsletter	Discussion points for seminar	Project presenter	City / external stakeholder	Date of seminar	Event type
1 Planning	1. <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 (CSRM) and Joanne Jackson (Env)	3 November 2023 – Launch of CoP	Webinar
2 Implementing	2. <i>Stormwater ponds as biodiversity 'stepping stones' ('Getting to know your stormwater pond' flyer as well as a newsletter)</i>	Why biodiversity is important; highlight the use and protection of indigenous (endangered) species. Use of BGI as 'stepping stones'.	Julia Mclachlan	CoCT Biodiversity (Ashton Mouton) / Welgemoed (Louise Ferreira)	22 February 2024	Webinar
2 Implementing	3. <i>Novel Internet of Things (IoT) technologies and data sharing for management of groundwater resources</i>	Use of sensor technologies and real-time monitoring (incl citizen science) in blue-green infrastructure and groundwater projects	Miriam Arinaitwe / Nompumelelo Mnisi	Dale Barrow (GEOSS) – Table Mountain Water Source Partnership	6 June 2024	Webinar
1 Planning	4. <i>Multifunctionality from a City planning perspective – what is it and why is it important?</i>	Urban planning and design concepts from UCIU / PoA planning process; build on City's stated aims in respect of LUW and CFF C40. Include critique of catchment planning	Kirsty Carden, Julia Mclachlan, Neil Armitage	GAPP architects	12 September 2024	Webinar
4 Working together	5. <i>Fostering and assessing local stewardship and organization around the implementation of multifunctional ponds – "How to"</i>	Stewardship is made up of care, agency and knowledge - giving examples of these elements from the pond (or elsewhere) – activities and assessments (e.g. visioning)	Julia Mclachlan, Kirsty Carden	Nature Connect / CoCT - Lynette Munro, Tara Cathcart	29 January 2025	Webinar

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2 Implementing	6. Monitoring water quality in MAR BGI projects	Importance of water quality monitoring and impact of BGI on MAR; physico-chemical tracking. Includes maintenance / management of MAR BGI.	Rachelle Schneuwly, Kirsty Carden, John Okedi	Other DFC-supported project partners? Liz Day? BIOGRIP? CoCT?	March 2025	Webinar
3 Building knowledge	7. Educational material to support BGI transitions (link to mural video)	How to create and sustain educational and knowledge raising material – why bring children in? Mural co-design process.	Kekeletso Ramodibe, Amber Abrams	Sally Sivewright (Guardians of the deep) / Sunbird restoration / CoCT	April 2025	Webinar
4 Working together	8. Multifunctional BGI requires multi-layered maintenance and co-production of management plans	Co-design of management plans based on examples from different spaces; workshop processes with civics, city, etc.	Lise Herslund, Amber Abrams, Kirsty Carden	CoCT - Wayne Steyn, Gehardt Muller	May / June 2025	Workshop (in-person)
2 Implementing	8. Institutionalising multifunctional BGI towards a water sensitive city	Input from pond and compendium sites – including policy review from MAR BGI study	Kirsty Carden	External stakeholders	July / August 2025	Webinar
5 Sustaining	9. A Community of Practice around water resilience in Cape Town and other developing cities	Toolkit and Compendium launch, CoP close, catalogue of collaboration across different sectors and disciplines	Kirsty Carden	CONSUS people, Andrew McDonald, GIZ / CFF C40	September/October 2025	In-person (half-day event)