



Vhembe Biosphere Reserve

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Annual General Meeting

15 March 2018, 11am

Venue: Thulamela Sports Hall, Thohoyandou

1. **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
 - a. Cllr Machobane G, VDM Chairperson for Development Planning Portfolio
 - b. Vongani Maringa, Department of Environmental Affairs
 - c. Antoaneta Lestoalo, Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism
 - d. VBR Chairperson – Chairperson's update and adoption of Agenda – Lamson Maluleke
2. **VBR Overview and Progress** – Cath Vise, Coordinator
 - **What is a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve?**
 - **What is Vhembe Biosphere Reserve and what does it do?**
 - b. **Sub-Committee Updates by Sub-Committee Chairs**
 - i. Finance and Institution – Jabu Linden, (VBR Treasurer)
 - ii. Communications – Wendy Collinson, (VBR Vice-Chair)
 - iii. Research and Education – Cath Vise on behalf of Prof. Peter Taylor
 - iv. Development – John Rosmarin
 - v. Conservation – Ian Gaigher
 - vi. Youth Forum – Innocent Buthelezi and Emily Bristow
 - c. **Demonstration Project Updates**
 - i. Adopt a River – John Mangomani
 - ii. Nombhela Nursery – Nursery Rep. on behalf of Falaza Mathebula
 - iii. Baobab Foundation – Cath Vise on behalf of Dr. Sarah Venter
3. **Way Forward – 2018-2019 Management Plan**
 - a. **UNESCO MAB 10 Year Review** – Vongani Maringa, DEA
 - b. **Strategic Focus**– Cath Vise, Coordinator
 - i. SANParks-VBR Collaboration Day – Wehncke van der Merwe
 - ii. Engagement Platforms– Wendy Collinson
 - iii. Youth Story Competition – Emily Bristow
 - iv. Operations – Jabu Linden
 - Membership
 - Budget
4. **Announcements**
5. **Closing**

Map of Venue Location: Thulamela Sports, Arts and Cultural Hall ★

