

Preliminary Programme

12 Mar 25

| Topic | Speaker | Company |
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| <i>Registration and coffee</i> | | |
| Formal Welcome Address | Tania Marshall | GSSA |
| Keynote Address: Setting the Scene | John Ward | |
| History, current trends, and future of diamond mining in Namaqualand | Ashok Damapurashad | SADPMR |
| Another take on the discovery issue | Nic Dinham | Pvt |
| <i>TEA BREAK</i> | | |
| What was the Discovery of the Namaqualand Diamond Deposits Worth | Andre van der Merwe & Norman Lock | ABGlobal |
| History and legacy issues | Joha van Dyk | University of Stellenbosch |
| The eruption age of the Namaqualand diamonds | Jeff Harris & Dave Phillips | U Glasgow & |
| Dwyka contribution towards the dispersion of alluvial diamonds in southern Africa | Assie van der Westhuisen | Pvt |
| <i>LUNCH</i> | | |
| Keynote Address: The Namibian Megaplacer –117 Years on and Still Going Strong: Mining for Good | JJ Jacob | NAMDEB |
| Late Cretaceous and Early Tertiary marine high stands along the west coast of southern Africa: their signatures and implications for Namaqualand diamond placers | Roger Swart & John Ward | Blackgold Geoscience |
| The gift that keeps on giving – diamondiferous beach deposits – Namaqualand, southwestern Africa | Jana Jacob, Lynette Kirkpatrick and Deone Strauss | Namdeb |
| Panel Discussion (then open to the floor): On the future of alluvial/marine diamond mining in Southern Africa | Lyndon de Meillon | |
| Poster Session and finger dinner | | |
| <i>Diamond growth and destruction constrained using diamond morphology and surface etch features, Roberts Victor Kaapvaal lamproite, and comparison with kimberlitic diamonds</i> | <i>Michelle Brits</i> | <i>UCT</i> |
| <i>Probing the northern Kaapvaal craton root with mantle-derived xenocrysts from the Marsfontein orangeite diatrema, South Africa</i> | <i>Ntando Ngwenya</i> | <i>UJ</i> |
| <i>Namaqualand-Bushmanland melilitite and breccia pipes</i> | <i>Phil Janney</i> | <i>UCT</i> |
| <i>Testing the use of olivine as a diamond indicator mineral</i> | <i>Merrily Tau</i> | <i>UCT</i> |
| <i>The use of pyrope garnet in inferring diamond potential from a kimberlite source in Butha-Buthe, Lesotho</i> | <i>Nkopane Tohlang</i> | <i>UOFS</i> |

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| Welcome | Craig Smith | GSSA |
| Keynote Address: | Deon Bowers | Private |
| The diamond-bearing Quaggas Kop gravels along the Sout River, Knersvlakte region, Vanrhynsdorp. | Mike de Wit | University of Stellenbosch |
| Not the last bend in the river – Namibian Orange River Deposits – Daberas case study | Lizel Jordan & Gottfried Grobbelaar | Namdeb |
| Shelf architecture and stratigraphy offshore of the Chameis Bay area, southern Namibia | Heike Fourie, Bjorn von der Heyden, Kegan Strydom | UP |
| <i>TEA BREAK</i> | | |
| The Classification of the Middle Orange River Rooikoppie Gravels: A Comparison Between the Wouterspan and Remhoogte Diamond Projects | Richard Horn, Tania Marshall and Glenn Norton | Various |
| Sedimentology and source provenance analysis of diamondiferous gravels of the Middle Orange River, Northern Cape Province, South Africa. | Cameron McLaren | NMU |
| A reinterpretation of the courses of both the Molopo and Lower Orange Rivers and the conveyance of diamond 'styles' to the West Coast of South Africa | Robin Baxter-Brown | Private |
| Valuation of Angolan early stage alluvial diamond deposits | Nair Ganda | Endiama |
| <i>LUNCH</i> | | |
| Keynote Address: | Brett van Coller | RES |
| The use of heavy minerals to map diamond transport pathways on the Namaqualand Coast | Urban Burger | De Beers Marine |
| Moving along and staying behind – Diamondiferous aeolian and deflation deposits - southwestern Namibia | Cindy Andrews & Jana Jacob | Namdeb |
| Developments in west coast geophysics for diamond exploration | Lynette Kirkpatrick | Namdeb |
| TBC | TBC | CGS |
| Photo Competition winners & CLOSING | Robin Baxter Brown & Tania Marshall | GSSA |