

Annex 2. Mentors

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Mapula Tshangela is the Senior Policy Advisor at the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) in South Africa. Her current responsibilities include policy and research interface in sustainable development, green economy and sustainable consumption and production. Among others, she coordinated the conceptualisation of South Africa's national green fund. She managed the development and subsequent promotion of the national strategy for sustainable development, green economy modelling report and environment sector research, development and evidence framework. Her previous responsibilities at the DEA include facilitating the environment sector outcomes-based approach, Cabinet and Intergovernmental Clusters policy coordination and waste information management. Prior to joining the DEA in 2007, she worked for ten years at the electricity generation, distribution and head office of Eskom, holding positions in areas including waste, air quality, sustainability performance, impact assessment, environmental, quality and pollution management systems, water-cycle chemistry and laboratory chemical analysis. She participates in a number of national and international multi-stakeholder engagements. Her interests include sustainability transitions, green economy, technology and innovation, policy management and evidence-based policymaking.

Mugabi John Bagonza currently works as Director of Research Services in the Parliament of the Republic of Uganda, where began working work as a Research Officer/Economist in 1999. Previously, he worked at Masindi District Local Government as a Budget Officer/Financial Analyst, and in the private sector as a Sales Executive. He has specialized in Economic Policy, Planning and Public Sector Economics. During his nineteen year service with Government, he has practically carried out planning, analytical work such as fiscal policy analysis, budget analysis, monitoring and evaluation. He holds a Masters of Arts (Economic, Policy and Planning) and has embarked on research for a Ph.D Economics all from Makerere University, Uganda. He also has had short-term professional courses training with a number of institutions like Eastern Southern African Management Institute (ESAMI), World Bank Institute, University of Pretoria and Universite Laval, Quebec, Canada.

Ricardo Ramírez is an independent researcher and consultant based in Guelph, Ontario, Canada, and an associate of New Economy Development Group. His consulting and research work includes communication planning, participatory evaluation and capacity development, both domestically, with First Nations, and internationally. He began his career in agricultural sciences that he followed with demonstration farm projects in Latin America. He switched to the field of adult education and rural development. He has worked with the Communication for Development group at FAO, Rome, with non-governmental organizations, and with consulting firms. His doctoral work in Rural Studies focused on information and communication technology for rural and remote community development. For two years he was professor in the School of Environmental Design and Rural Development at the University of Guelph where remains as adjunct. Together with Dal Brodhead they just published the book Utilization focused evaluation: A Primer for evaluators (Southbound, Penang 2013) – based on five practical experiences.