



PROJECT STRATEGIC RESOURCING REPORT

PROJECT DETAILS

Project Name	Green Economy/Just Transition (JUST SA)
Location	Bergervier Local Municipality
Sector	Economic
Department	Department of Agriculture
Project Owner	Poonam Yawalkar
Project Manager	Poonam Yawalkar

BACKGROUND & JUSTIFICATION

Background:

South Africa is at a critical juncture in transitioning toward a sustainable, low-carbon economy. The **Green Economy and Just Transition (JUST SA) framework** provides a strategic pathway for achieving economic growth while addressing environmental challenges and social inequalities. Within this context, the **Economic Department of Agriculture** and the **Bergervier Local Municipality** play pivotal roles in driving local-level interventions that align with national objectives. The Bergervier region, with its rich agricultural landscape and natural resources, has significant potential to leverage green economic opportunities, such as climate-smart agriculture, renewable energy, and eco-tourism. At the same time, it faces challenges related to climate change, environmental degradation, and socio-economic disparities. A structured approach to integrating green practices ensures sustainable development while supporting the livelihoods of local communities.

Justification:

1. **Environmental Sustainability:**

The transition to a green economy is essential to mitigate the impacts of climate change, conserve biodiversity, and promote responsible resource management in the Bergervier region.

2. **Economic Diversification:**

Investing in green sectors such as sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, and eco-tourism can stimulate economic growth, attract investment, and reduce dependency on traditional industries.

3. **Job Creation & Skills Development:**

The initiative supports the creation of green jobs and upskilling of local labor, ensuring that workers displaced by the transition are provided with alternative employment opportunities.

4. **Social Equity & Inclusion:**

A just transition ensures that historically marginalized and vulnerable communities benefit from green economic opportunities, promoting equitable development across Bergervier.

5. **Alignment with National Policy:**

This initiative aligns with South Africa's **JUST SA framework**, the **National Development Plan**, and other relevant policies, ensuring coordinated action between national, provincial, and local levels.

PROJECT SCOPE

The Scope of Work outlines the activities required to plan, implement, and monitor Green Economy and Just Transition interventions within the Bergervier Local Municipality, in alignment with the JUST SA framework and national

development priorities.

1. Strategic Planning & Policy Alignment

- Review and align municipal and agricultural strategies with the JUST SA framework, National Development Plan, and relevant provincial policies.
- Identify priority green economy sectors suitable for Bergrivier Local Municipality, with a focus on agriculture-led development.
- Develop a localized Green Economy and Just Transition implementation framework.

2. Baseline Assessment & Data Analysis

- Conduct socio-economic, environmental, and agricultural baseline assessments.
- Assess climate risks, resource availability, and existing agricultural practices.
- Identify vulnerable communities and sectors requiring targeted just transition support.

3. Sustainable Agriculture & Green Practices

- Promote climate-smart and resource-efficient agricultural practices.
- Support adoption of renewable energy solutions within the agricultural value chain.
- Encourage water conservation, soil management, and biodiversity protection initiatives.

4. Economic Development & Job Creation

- Identify and support green job opportunities across agricultural and related sectors.
- Facilitate skills development and training programs for farmers, workers, and youth.
- Promote small-scale farming, agro-processing, and green enterprise development.

OBJECTIVES & KEY FOCUS AREAS

OBJECTIVE	KEY FOCUS AREA
Infrastructure linked to 5yr plans & their respective APPs, AOP's & AR's	• Prioritising Infrastructure for Maximum Impact • Enhancing Private Sector Partnerships • Addressing Climate Change & Sustainability

PROJECT TIMELINE & COST

Estimated Duration	3 Year(s) & 7 Month(s)
Estimated Start Date	26 Dec 2025
Estimated Cost	R 12,650,819

PROJECT STAGE-0 SUBMISSION & APPROVAL

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ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS	SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS
• Air, water, and soil pollution from industrial and agricultural activities • Greenhouse gas emissions and deforestation contributing to climate change • Overuse of natural resources leading to scarcity and degradation • Loss of biodiversity due to habitat destruction and fragmentation • Deforestation causing habitat loss, soil erosion, and climate impacts • Proper waste management to reduce pollution and health risks	• Respect for human rights including labor, land, and indigenous rights • Assessment of community impacts such as displacement and livelihood loss • Protection of health and safety from environmental hazards • Preservation of cultural heritage sites and artifacts • Promotion of social equity and fair distribution of development benefits

REGULATORY & ENVIRONMENTAL APPROVALS

NATIONAL LEVEL	PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL LEVELS	OTHER RELEVANT ENTITIES

• Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE): Responsible for environmental management, conservation, and protection in South Africa • South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI): Plays a leading role in biodiversity management and research • Environmental Management Inspectors (EMIs): Responsible for compliance and enforcement of environmental regulations • National Environmental Management Act (NEMA): Governs environmental management and authorization processes, including Environmental Authorizations (EAs) • Environmental Management Frameworks (EMFs): Strategic planning tools for land-use and environmental management decisions	• Provincial Environmental Departments: Implement and enforce environmental regulations within provinces • Municipalities: Play a role in environmental management, especially in land-use planning and development applications • City Engineering Department- other	• Environmental Assessment Practitioners Association of South Africa (EAPASA): Voluntary certification body for Environmental Assessment Practitioners • Councils for the Built Environment Professions (CBEP): Regulates professions involved in the built environment • Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa (WESSA): Non-profit organization involved in environmental conservation and education
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IDENTIFY KEY STAKEHOLDERS

Government

NAME	ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY
Department of Agriculture	
Department of Health	
Department of Education	
Department Of Infrastructure	
Provincial Treasury	
Local Government	

State-Owned Entities

NAME	ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY
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Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA)	DBSA will play a critical role in providing development finance, technical assistance, and project preparation support. The institution will facilitate funding for sustainable infrastructure, climate-resilient agricultural projects, and green economic initiatives aligned with JUST SA objectives.
Industrial Development Corporation (IDC)	The IDC will support industrial and enterprise development within green economy sectors. This includes funding and advisory support for agro-processing, renewable energy projects, green manufacturing, and small- and medium-enterprise development that promotes job creation and economic diversification.
Eskom	Eskom's role will focus on enabling energy transition initiatives, including grid access, renewable energy integration, and energy efficiency support. Collaboration with Eskom will assist in reducing carbon emissions and supporting clean energy adoption within agricultural and municipal operations.
Transnet (if applicable)-other	Where relevant, Transnet will support logistics and transport infrastructure related to agricultural value chains and green industrial activities. This may include rail and port logistics improvements that enhance efficiency, reduce emissions, and improve market access for agricultural products.
Logistics-other	Additional logistics and infrastructure partners may be engaged to support sustainable transportation, cold-chain logistics, and distribution networks. These partners will help improve supply chain efficiency while minimizing environmental impacts.

Private Entities

NAME	ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY
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Construction Companies	Construction companies will be responsible for the delivery of green and climate-resilient infrastructure projects. Their scope may include: • Development of sustainable agricultural infrastructure, storage facilities, and agro-processing units. • Construction of renewable energy installations, water-efficient systems, and waste management facilities. • Implementation of environmentally responsible construction practices, including low-carbon materials and energy-efficient designs. • Compliance with environmental, safety, and municipal regulations.
Engineering Firms	Engineering firms will provide technical expertise and design support across all project phases. Their responsibilities include: • Feasibility studies, technical assessments, and detailed engineering designs. • Integration of renewable energy, water management, and climate-resilient solutions. • Technical oversight during construction and commissioning phases. • Ensuring adherence to national standards, sustainability benchmarks, and best practices.
Financial Institutions	Financial institutions will play a key role in mobilizing capital and enabling project viability. Their involvement may include: • Provision of project finance, concessional loans, and blended finance solutions. • Support for green bonds, climate finance, and impact investment mechanisms. • Financial risk assessment and due diligence. • Supporting small and medium enterprises, cooperatives, and farmers through tailored financial products.

Civil Entities

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Civil society organizations advocating for community needs	Civil society organizations will play a vital role in representing community interests and ensuring social accountability. Their responsibilities include: • Advocating for the needs and priorities of vulnerable and marginalized groups. • Supporting community awareness and education on green economy and just transition initiatives. • Facilitating dialogue between communities, government, and private sector stakeholders. • Monitoring social impacts and promoting transparency and inclusive governance.
Local Communities and Residents:Other	Local communities and residents are central beneficiaries and active participants in the just transition process. Their involvement will include: • Participation in consultation, planning, and decision-making processes. • Engagement in skills development, training programs, and green job opportunities. • Contribution of local knowledge to inform sustainable land use and agricultural practices. • Supporting community-based projects such as cooperatives, eco-tourism, and sustainable farming initiatives.

Other Stakeholders

NAME	ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY
Local Development Finance Institutions (DFIs)	Local DFIs will support the financing and implementation of green economy initiatives through: • Provision of concessional finance, grants, and blended finance solutions. • Technical assistance for project preparation and investment readiness. • Support for small-scale farmers, cooperatives, and green enterprises. • Risk mitigation instruments to enhance project bankability.

NAME	ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY
Sustainable Infrastructure Development Symposium - South Africa (SIDSSA)	SIDSSA will serve as a strategic knowledge-sharing and investment facilitation platform by: • Showcasing green infrastructure and just transition projects to investors. • Facilitating partnerships between public sector, private sector, and DFIs. • Sharing best practices, innovations, and policy insights in sustainable infrastructure development. • Supporting capacity building and awareness on climate-resilient infrastructure solutions.
Other	Additional partners may be engaged to strengthen implementation and impact, including: • Research institutions and universities providing technical and policy expertise. • Non-governmental organizations supporting environmental protection and social inclusion. • International development agencies offering funding, advisory services, and global best practices.

WCG SECTOR PRIORITIES

OUTCOMES	SOCIAL	ENERGY & WATER	ECONOMIC	TECHNOLOGY	ECOLOGICAL
Households have increased access to basic services and improved shelter	Short Term 1-5 YRS	Short Term 1-5 YRS	Short Term 1-5 YRS	Short Term 1-5 YRS	Short Term 1-5 YRS
Infrastructure investment drives spatial transformation and improves spatial resilience	Short Term 1-5 YRS	Medium Term 5-15 YRS	Medium Term 5-15 YRS	Short Term 1-5 YRS	Short Term 1-5 YRS
Investment in social infrastructure improves access to health, education, social development, and recreation opportunities	Medium Term 5-15 YRS	Short Term 1-5 YRS	Short Term 1-5 YRS	Medium Term 5-15 YRS	Short Term 1-5 YRS

Mobility systems and transportation corridors provide safe and efficient connectivity to opportunities, services, and facilities	Medium Term 5-15 YRS	Short Term 1-5 YRS	Medium Term 5-15 YRS	Short Term 1-5 YRS	Short Term 1-5 YRS
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INFRASTRUCTURE TYPE

• Hard

Hard infrastructure refers to physical assets required to support economic activity and service delivery. This includes:

- Agricultural infrastructure (irrigation systems, storage facilities, agro-processing plants).
- Renewable energy infrastructure (solar, wind, biogas installations).
- Transport and logistics infrastructure (roads, rail interfaces, depots, cold-chain facilities).
- Water and waste management systems.

Purpose:

To enable efficient production, reduce environmental impact, and support green economic growth.

Sub Types

• Soft

Soft infrastructure includes institutional, social, and knowledge-based systems that support effective utilization of physical assets. This includes:

- Skills development and training programmes for green jobs.
- Institutional capacity building within municipal and agricultural departments.
- Policy frameworks, planning tools, and governance systems.
- Community engagement platforms and social support mechanisms.

Purpose:

To strengthen human capital, governance, and long-term sustainability of the transition.

Sub Types

• Critical

Critical infrastructure consists of essential systems whose failure would significantly disrupt economic, social, or environmental stability. This includes:

- Energy supply and distribution networks.
- Water supply and sanitation systems.
- Food security and agricultural supply chain infrastructure.
- Climate-resilient infrastructure essential for disaster risk management.

Purpose:

To ensure continuity of essential services, resilience to climate risks, and protection of livelihoods.

PROJECT STAGE-1 SUBMISSION & APPROVAL

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GEO LOCATION

Geo Location	ERF No.	Latitude	Longitude
Namibia, Mangaung, South Africa	23477	-29.1655658	26.2467034
Boston, Cape Town, 7530, South Africa	87675	-33.893535	18.6231781
Cape Town, South Africa	57878	-33.922087	18.4231418

PROCUREMENT PLANNING

PLAN TYPE	SUB-TYPE	REMARKS
Decentralized Preference Criteria	Departments	Procurement and implementation under the Green Economy and Just Transition initiative will prioritize inclusive economic participation, local development, and transformation in line with national policy objectives. Procurement processes will prioritize participation by designated groups, including: • Historically Disadvantaged Individuals (HDIs) • Women-owned enterprises • Youth-owned enterprises • Enterprises owned by persons with disabilities • Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) and cooperatives

PLAN TYPE	SUB-TYPE	REMARKS
Designated Groups	Women-owned businesses	Designated Groups refer to individuals and enterprises that are prioritized in procurement and economic participation to promote inclusive growth, equity, and transformation in line with South African legislation and Just Transition principles. The following Designated Groups will be prioritized: • Black-owned Enterprises (minimum 51% ownership) • Women-owned Enterprises (minimum 51% ownership) • Youth-owned Enterprises (minimum 51% ownership) • Enterprises owned by Persons with Disabilities • Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMMEs) • Cooperatives and Community-Based Enterprises Objectives: • Promote meaningful participation of historically disadvantaged groups • Support local enterprise development and job creation
Local Content and Production		Preference will be given to goods, services, and materials that are locally produced or manufactured, including: • Locally sourced construction materials and agricultural inputs • Local labor and subcontracting • Local manufacturing and value-addition within the municipality or province Objective: To stimulate local economic development, reduce supply-chain emissions, and strengthen regional industries.

PLAN TYPE	SUB-TYPE	REMARKS
Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE)		Procurement will be aligned with the B-BBEE Act and Codes of Good Practice, with emphasis on: • Higher B-BBEE contributor levels • Black ownership, management control, and skills development • Enterprise and supplier development (ESD) • Socio-economic development contributions aligned with green economy objectives

PROCUREMENT ACTION

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E-Procurement Solution (ePS)	Utilisation of an electronic procurement system to manage the full procurement lifecycle, including supplier registration, tender publication, bid submission, evaluation, and award. Enhances transparency, efficiency, auditability, and compliance.
Western Cape Supplier Evidence Bank (WCSEB)	A centralized provincial database that stores verified supplier compliance documents, reducing administrative burden, improving turnaround times, and ensuring regulatory compliance for suppliers participating in procurement processes.
Procurement Planning	Structured planning of procurement activities aligned to project timelines, budgets, and delivery milestones. Ensures value for money, risk mitigation, and alignment with green economy and just transition objectives
Preferential Procurement Regulations (2022) Aligned : Yes	Application of the 2022 regulations to promote inclusive procurement by prioritizing designated groups, local content, and B-BBEE compliance in accordance with national legislation

SOCIAL IMPACT

SOCIAL IMPACT	REMARKS
Inclusive Economic Participation	Promotes participation of designated groups, SMMEs, cooperatives, and local enterprises in economic opportunities, ensuring equitable access to procurement, employment, and enterprise development

SOCIAL IMPACT	REMARKS
Environmental Sustainability	Encourages environmentally responsible practices that reduce carbon emissions, protect natural resources, and support climate resilience while improving community well-being.
Skills Development and Job Creation	Supports training, upskilling, and reskilling of local communities to enable access to green jobs, long-term employment, and sustainable livelihoods.
Community Empowerment	Strengthens community capacity through participation in decision-making, access to economic opportunities, and support for community-led initiatives and cooperatives.
Ethical and Transparent Governance	Ensures accountability, fairness, and transparency in project implementation through clear governance structures, stakeholder engagement, and compliance with regulatory frameworks.

PROPERTY AVAILABILITY

Has the land for the site been identified?	Yes
Remarks	Where land has not yet been identified, alternative sites will be assessed to ensure project viability while minimizing environmental and social impacts. Clear documentation and formal approvals will be obtained prior to implementation to mitigate risks related to land acquisition and development delays. Overall, land availability and readiness will be managed through structured planning, stakeholder coordination, and compliance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements to support the timely and sustainable implementation of the project.

PROJECT STAGE-2 SUBMISSION & APPROVAL

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