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Dear Stakeholder,

Norms and Standards: Lion, Leopard, Rhino (black and white) & Elephant:

What this means to you as a member of a stakeholder group!

<https://www.backabuddy.co.za/charity/profile/gregory-vogt-nature-5636889526679364837>

“How will this Delphi help us? “

The constant question in an ever-changing sector where the **regulatory environment** affects your business!

1. If you are directly invested in the biodiversity economy, and you or your business generates an income through the sustainable use principle defined in section 24 of the constitution, then
 - a. It is in your interest to support a model like the delphi, that is objective in its approach.
 - b. And, that collates expert consensus from the different stakeholder groups (equally represented) and offers this in a defined and carefully described scientific manner to the government regulatory body.
2. Unlike the previous public participation model that was flawed in its methodology and subjective in its analysis, the Delphi model analyses stakeholder input from the experts nominated by stakeholders themselves; and presents to the government regulatory advisors where experts reach consensus on issues within the regulatory process and how to address these issues. Thus extracting the burden for government technocrats to analysis ALL the thousands of submissions they would usually receive from public participation processes.
3. The previous public participation method required thousands of stakeholders to submit their views/comments on regulatory frameworks, the content of which was substantial and had to be analysed and summarised by government technocrats and/or their contracted specialists. This method lacks the precision of the Delphi and the methodology to define clearly where experts reach consensus on issues and how these issues should be addressed.

Those members of stakeholder groups, invested in the biodiversity economy, should be taking a far greater interest in the process of defining where their experts reach consensus



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on regulatory issues. The regulatory framework after all, determines how your business functions within the sector and defines the do's and don'ts of how you function and the parameters within which you function.

Members of stakeholder groups should be far more invested in the analysis of where the experts from these different stakeholder groups reach consensus on regulatory issues and how these issues should be addressed in regulations.

In closing, we plead for your support to enable us to conclude this initiative, and I personally thank those members of stakeholder groups who have donated thus far – we are 3% to target.

Timelines:

1. The pilot is late due to this lack in funding. We however intend to implement the pilot this week of 4th July to 15th July 2023
2. The snowball expert nominations process will be completed by the end of July.
3. First round of questionnaires for issues in legislation will go out in August 2023
4. Second round of questionnaires to address these issue will go out in September 2023
5. Analysing and preparing data: October and November 2023
6. Presenting first round analysis to DFFE: early December 2023
7. Matric Workshop to verify data collected from Delphi application: March 2024

Your urgent assistance will enable us to complete this process

Kind regards

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