MEAT NATURALLY: RESTORING LANDSCAPES and LIVELIHOODS

LEARNING EXCHANGE IN MATATIELE - 16 & 17 MAY 2017

DRAFT PROGRAMME

TUESDAY 16TH MAY - SHELL GARAGE CONFERENCE ROOM, MATATIELE

09:00 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS OF ALL PARTICIPANTS (Joyce Loza, MDTP)

09:30 OUTLINE OF THE MODEL FRAMEWORK: (Nicky McLeod, ERS)
- what it is and does – benefits and sustainability, & how it emerged through collaboration
- key elements – social/governance, technical, agreements and incentives, external factors
- using the model as a guiding framework for different scenarios

10:00 SOCIAL ISSUES: (Mme Sissie Matela, ERS)
- mobilisation of stakeholders
- governance & leadership buy-in

10:30 TECHNICAL ELEMENTS: (Gerbrand Nel, Meat Naturally Pty)
- good livestock husbandry and animal improvement
- veld management and restoration
- auctions and markets

11:00 TEA BREAK

11:30 AGREEMENTS AND INCENTIVES: (Rosie Stanway, Conservation SA)
- basis of conservation agreements & types of incentives
- markets and sustainability

12:00 QUESTION AND DISCUSSION SESSION: (facilitator)

13:00 LUNCH BREAK

14:00 PERSPECTIVES AND SITUATIONS FROM EACH GROUP (Facilitator: Sinegugu Zukulu, Conservation SA)

14:30 DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS – POLICY & OTHER CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES, POTENTIAL FOR USE...

15:30 WAY FORWARD: CAN THIS MODEL BE USED BE AN EFFECTIVE LAND USE & LIVELIHOOD STRATEGY

15:45 BRIEFING FOR TOMORROW, AND CLOSURE

WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY - ONGELUKSNEK RESERVE GATE, WARD 14, MATATIELE

10:00 - 14:00 LIVESTOCK AUCTION OBSERVATION AND QUESTIONS, at ONGELUKSNEK (50km from Matatiele)

The basic principle underpinning the approach is that healthy rangelands will produce increased quantity (within carrying capacity) and quality of livestock, which, with improved market access, will improve returns for rural livelihoods, with a positive feedback loop for better rangeland stewardship to support this stock, resulting in improved basal cover and grassland biodiversity, with improved ecosystem services. Well managed livestock can thus double as livelihood assets as well as a tool for landscape management and restoration.