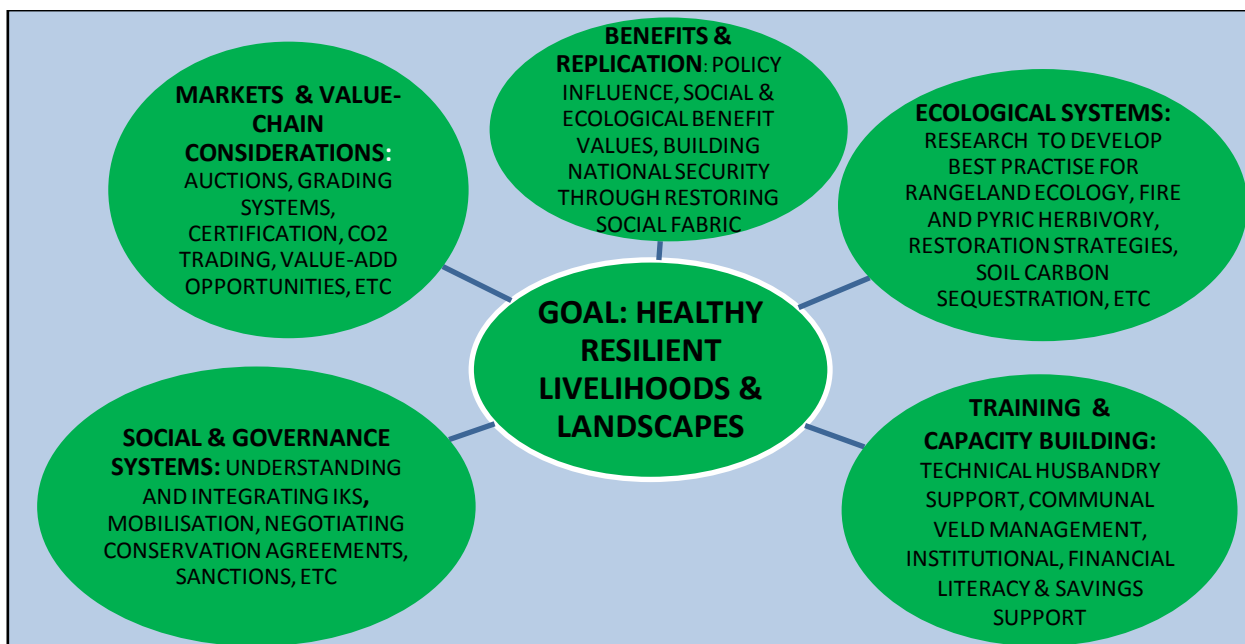




**The UMZIMVUBU CATCHMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME (UCPP)**  
invites you to join us in Matatiele from 6-8 February 2018 for a  
**LEARNING EXCHANGE on COMMUNAL RANGELAND STEWARDSHIP**

This 3 day event aims to constructively deliberate the ‘*Livelihoods & Landscapes: Meat Naturally*’ model, and will involve presentations as well as field interaction to explore the various elements below which comprise the model, including visits to restoration and implementation sites, provide opportunity to observe a mobile village auction, meet beneficiaries, and most importantly to engage with fellow practitioners and researchers to refine the approach towards best practise in building healthy resilient livelihoods off well functioning communal landscapes and ecological infrastructure.



**Outline of communal rangeland stewardship using the LIVELIHOODS & LANDSCAPES: MEAT NATURALLY model**

**RSVP:**

Tsoanelo Shata on [tsoanelo@enviros.co.za](mailto:tsoanelo@enviros.co.za) by 20 Jan 2018  
(Numbers will be limited to 100 people)

**QUERIES:**

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Rosie Stanway 082 331 7987 Heidi-Jane Hawkins (CSA) 074 479 0609

**Final venue to be confirmed in Matatiele. For more information please go to [www.umzimvubu.org](http://www.umzimvubu.org) and for accommodation information [www.route56matat.co.za](http://www.route56matat.co.za)**

**Teas and lunches will be supplied.**

**Accommodation (own cost) can be booked in Matatiele at:**

Resthaven 039 737 4067

SaraLee Guesthouse 039 737 3336

Ntabase Guesthouse 039 737 4997

De Berg BnB 039 737 3000

La Phola Guesthouse 039 737 4896

Masakala guesthouse 039 737 3289

## PROPOSED DRAFT AGENDA – subject to change

### MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEB: ARRIVAL in MATAT FOR NON-LOCALS

Sundowners and ice breakers (Mountain Lake Reserve, or wetland area near town) to meet other participants

### TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEB: DAY OF INTENSE PRESENTATIONS AND DEBATE 08h30 to 16h30

- a. Introduction of all participants, expectations, and outline of week's plan (30 mins)
- b. Quick overview of what UCPP is and does (15 mins)
- c. Outlining **Livelihoods & Landscapes: Meat Naturally** model, with aim of clarifying the big picture, relating how elements across disciplines / practices (in diagram) link together to ensure optimum and sustained benefits from interventions – 15 minute inputs with 5 min discussions, including:
  - Prof. James Blignaut: presentation on rebuilding national security through rural livelihoods (to be confirmed)
  - Meat Naturally model outline: restoring rangelands and boosting rural livelihoods
  - Mobilisation process: social and governance issues, including training and capacity building
  - Conservation Agreements: incentives, sanctions, compliance and auditing
  - Marketing and value-adding – sustainability issues
  - The multi-benefit impact of the model/approach – towards restoring national security through building rural livelihoods; jobs without the job fund; promoting effective ecological infrastructure and improved biodiversity
  - Policy issues, opportunities and influence
- d. Inputs from other practitioners and researchers: summaries of other rangeland restoration projects across adjacent landscapes: Lesotho, NLEIP, MDTP, UEIP, others?
- e. Brief of work on ground in prep for various field trips on wed and thurs – can split into five interest groups, or cluster groups where appropriate, led by champions with expert support
- f. Possibly...evening gathering for sundowners, with dinner in clusters of interest groups with expert presentations e.g. Japie Buckle (restoration), Heidi (grazing trials), Mme Sissie Matela (mobilisation), Rosie Stanway (agreements), Justin Smith (sustainability), etc

### WED 7<sup>TH</sup> FEB: FIELD TRIP TO AUCTION AND GRAZING MANAGEMENT AREA AT MZONGWANA (1.5 hours from Matatiele)

To Mzongwana (*ERS to facilitate, with support from partners*) to see:

- auction in progress, with chance to speak to farmers, traditional leadership and field staff;
- 2-camp rest system/maboella area, maybe do veld transect, biomass measurements, discuss observations;
- see areas being restored to grassland after clearing alien plants, and old lands in resting areas, discuss possibilities

### THURS 8<sup>TH</sup>: FIELD TRIP AND CONSOLIDATION (SITES CLOSER TO MATAT)

MORNING 8:00 to 13:00

Various possible parallel field and discussion options for interest groups to choose from, including:

- a. *researchers and grassland ecology practitioners* hosted by Dr Heidi Hawkins to visit grazing trials on Merino Walk commercial farm, as well as trampling work at Mvenyane communal area (CSA)
- b. site visit to see NRM-funded restoration work at Mafube (*INR & LIMA*) and Thaba Chicha (*CSA and ERS*)
- c. *practitioners and policy people* (based on the interest groups / themes) could tackle and explore core challenge elements such as market issues, sustainability, effective mobilization, conservation agreements, policy opportunities, rangeland toolkit panel-beating and PR, upscaling, etc. This could inform the revised toolkit.
- a. Meet savings groups, grazing assoc members, other beneficiaries etc

AFTERNOON 14:00 to 16:30

Feedback, consolidation, way forward....

Closure and depart / leave next day

**PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A DRAFT PROGRAMME AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

