

## SOUTHERN AFRICAN FAITH COMMUNITIES' ENVIRONMENT INSTITUTE

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# MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 18 AUGUST 2022, VIA ZOOM, WESTLAKE BUSINESS PARK, CAPE TOWN

ITEM	DETAILS
	Register of Attendance:
	Alexandra Dodd
	Amon Lukhele
	Andrew Gwambe Andy Pienaar
	Annie Orgill
	Anusha Lakha
	Rev Luyanda Zanozuko Siningwa
	Astrid von Kotze
	Ausi Ssentongo
	Austin Chikopa
	Ayodeji Famogbiele
	Baphiwe Nxumalo
	Barburah Chihuri
	Batool Haider Black Willard
	Bosco Juma
	Brenda Wanga
	Bridget Pitt
	Bridget-Nomonde Scoble
	Bulelwa Somlota
	Carl Lindemann (Cape Town Interfaith Initiative)
	Carola Meyer
	Caroline Chiyobe
	Catherine Mwango - Zambia
	Cecilia Swanepoel
	Cele Esau Celestine Otieno
	Chamakh Ibraheem
	Christina Sanches
	Claudina Shimanda
	David Lipschitz
	Donna Monk
	Dr Mark Marais - OSPB
	Dr Syd Catton
	Edward Mhone
	Elisa Galgut
	Elizabeth Banda
	Ellard Majuni
	Emma Oliver
	Ernst Conradie Eugene Cairncross
	Evans Ndadzungira
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Felicia Aigbiremhon

Felicidade Chirinda

Ferrial Adam

Fortunate Zvinongoza

Frances Davies

Fridah Moatshe

Gisela Mittendorf

Glynis Goyns

Godwin Ampony

Gosiame Choabi

Hajjat Sebyala - Uganda

Hansel Mweetwa - ZYP

Happy Mbewe

Hasheem Msoma

Heather Tuffin

Heinz Mouton

Hormisdas Mulimira

Igram Sadan

Isaac Mashora

Ishan Maharai

Ishanesu Gusha

Ismail Hamdan

James Irlam

Jan De Groef

Jennifer Radloff

Jenny Bambatha

Joseph Toutou Mundadi

Josephina Nghishoono

Joy Chetty

Julia Denny

**Kate Davies** 

Keilidh Clapperton

Kenneth Jackson

Khalid Kampanje

Kim Andreoli

Kim Kruyshaar

Kozanai Muchayi

Laureen Bertin

Leena Amwaalwa

Leonie March

Lindelani Mbulawa

Lucinda Jaftha

Lucinda Rudolph

Luckia Gaven

Ludwig Beukes

Lulama Kwakwa

Lungiswa Gwen Mvula

Lydia Petersen

Macford Chinonga

Magret Mwale

Makoma Lekalakala

Marilyn Aitken

Masilo Marumo

Mazwi Ndikolo

McCarthy Samalani

Merylene Chitharai

Miguel Gomes Antonio

Mike Chiundira

Miliswa Miliswa

Moulana Syed Haider

Nelly Wanjiku

Ngorogoza Umaru Kirarira

Nhlanhla Sibisi

Noluthando Gwelani

Nsubuga Sadat

Nyarai Chikandamina

Nyasha Mukaratirwa

**Pastor Charles** 

Pavs Pillay

Peter Grant

Priscilla Masawi

Rakkel T T Kafidi

Rehema Chikwakwa

Reino Munyima

Renate Cochrane

Rev Pippa Jones

Rev Rachel Mash Green Anglicans

Rev. Betty Schroder

Rev. Chikondi A.W. Banda

Rev. Dr. David Mushayavanhu (UPCSA Zimbabwe)

SabaZahara HoneyBush

Safety Key Consultants

Saidah Nakaliisa

Sanele Tshange

Saydoon Nisa Sayed

Sean Brown

Sharon Groenmeyer

Shupikai Ritta Nema

Sifiso Ndwandwe

Sindiswa Mancotywa

Sinthani Sisya

Siphokazi Pangalele

Sonia Mountford - EATegrity

Sophia Booysen

Soraya Salie

Steria Chikanga

Suren Lutchminarayan

Susanna Coleman

Symon Satiele

Tafadzwa Gumbeze

Tahirih Matthee

Tancia Moseka Nzoni

Tanya van Wyk

Tebello Rampo

Tendai Rebecca Gurupira

Thabile Tshabalala

Thandaza Ndlovu

Thoko Toto

Tshepo Segami Upile Pelusi Vandana Shiva Vincent Manyika Zahara Nabukenya From All over Africa Braam Hanekom (SAFCEI Board) David Munene (SAFCEI Board) Francesca de Gasparis (SAFCEI ED) Kirtanya Lutchminarayan (SAFCEI Board) Salieg Isaacs (SAFCEI Board) Shaun Cozett (SAFCEI Board) Usha Jevan (SAFCEI Board) Berry Behr (Staff) Gabriel Manyangadze (Staff) Judy-Rose Cyster (Staff) Nokuthula Ndlovu (Staff) Phatiswa Somdaka (Staff) Portia Biggar (Staff) Tamzyn Pamplin (Staff) Wayne du Plessis (Staff) Zainab Adams (Staff) **Apologies:** Mandla Hadebe (Economic Justice Network) Rabbi Greg Alexander (Temple Israel Progressive Jewish Congregation) Shirley Walters Bishop Horst Müller (Northeastern Evangelical Lutheran Church in South Africa) Martin Van Vuren 1. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** The Board Director, Braam Hanekom, called the meeting to order. 2. **OPENING DEVOTIONS** Devotions were opened by Lydia Petersen and David Munene. 3. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES Board Director, Braam Hanekom, welcomed everyone from all over, Malawi, Graaff Reinet, etc (existing and new members, visitors, staff, partners, etc.). 4. **HOUSEKEEPING RULES** 

Wayne du Plessis, Energy and Climate Justice Manager, informed All to please keep themselves muted and if any questions arises to put it into the chat box on Zoom.

#### 6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF AGM HELD ON AUGUST 2021.

Minutes and financials had been distributed electronically prior to the meeting.

Minutes were accepted of the previous Annual General Meeting. Braam Hanekom proposed the acceptance of the minutes, adopted by Berry, Shuaib, Rachel, Glynis, Martha, Martin, Celeste, Kirtanya, Shaun, Usha, Baphiwe.

#### 6. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

#### 7. ANNUAL REPORT

Francesca (ED), Welcomed everyone near and far that joined the AGM. This is SAFCEI's third general meeting online since covid happened.

SAFCEI's Highlights for 2021:

- 1. We conducted 6 FLEAT Workshops, hosted 6 online regional interfaith Dialogues
- 2. Made 1 presentation to an international event and made 2 presentations at regional events, conducted 3 field visits.
- 3. Gender representation has remained important to SAFCEI 40% of SAFCEI board numbers are women, 80% of staff is women, 40% of FLEAT attendees were women, 42% of attendees to interfaith regional dialogues were women, 34% of the faith and eco-justice group were women, 54% of attendees at the cape flats Interfaith meetings were women, 60% of the of the presenters at the sustainable workshop on food and security were women.
- 4.Campaigns: 4 Campaigns were run on #NuclearFreeSA, #CageFreeSA, #FaithForSustainableConsumption and Green Action Week
- 5. Funding and Partners: SAFCEI raised R10 464 156 and worked with 80 collaborative partners
- 6. Research: Completed 4 in-country research reports and 1 multi-country synthesised report on food and climate governance structures in Southern Africa. Commissioned 1 policy review on the climate change review,
- 7. Support Provided: Processed 13 small grants, provided 10 grow kits, provided R383017 in data to SAFCEI members to attend online meetings.
- 8. Submissions: SAFCEI, faith leaders and their communities made 12 interventions in terms of policy briefs on key eco-and climate justice

issues.

We delivered a lot. We worked from home and had to strategies how we worked and it worked very well by means of online basis.

Main areas we work are Animal Justice, Food and Climate Justice and Energy and Climate Justice. FLEAT, have been doing advocacy work and received small grants to assist them in doing gardening. Regional Interfaith Dialogues is a new programme, this is "what does our different faiths say about what we care about on earth". SAFCEI became the umbrella for Cape Flats Interfaith Group, wanting to be part of SAFCEI. Communication and Campaigns have been prepared. Workshops were prepared but there were more online workshops.

Francesca, thanked staff for their amazing work. Special thanks to Zainab for her 10 years of service to SAFCEI.

Acceptance for the Annual Report, Kirtanya Lutchminarayan & Baphiwe Nxumalo. All voters accepted the Annual Report (12 voters)

### 8. FINANCIAL REPORT

Nokuthula, reported on SAFCEI's financials. Solace Auditors completed the financial statements for 2021, and gave an unqualified report of SAFCEI's financials.

Grants received in 2021:

Bread for the World 35%

Church of Sweden 10%

Swedish Society for Nature Conservation 30%

Animal Justice funders 8%

Open Society funders 8%

Other funders and donors 9%

How 2021 programme funds were used:

Energy & Climate Justice 18%

Faith community & outreach 7%

Education - Media & Communications 16%

Food & Climate Justice 38%

Faith Leader Environmental Advocacy Training 14%

Animal Justice - Cage-Free Eggs Campaign 7%

	Acceptance of Financial Report. All voters accepted the Financial Report (12 voters)
	Members were invited to ask questions regarding the financials. No questions were raised.
9.	APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS FOR 2022: SOLACE AUDITORS
	Acceptance of Solace Auditors, (12 voters).
1.0	NOTICE OF THE AMENDMENT OF THE MEMORANDUM OF
10.	INCORPORATION
	The updated Memorandum of Incorporation (MOI) was presented by NGOLaw. Voting members proposed to give further inputs to finalise the MOI at a Special General Meeting.
11.	NOMINATION OF BOARD DIRECTORS & RESIGNATION OF BOARD DIRECTORS:
	Nomination of New Board Members:
	Kholeka C.Ngubeni – 12 Voters Lucinda Rudolph – 12 Voters Queen Munyai – 12 voters
	Resignation of Board Directors:
	None
12.	ADVISORY COUNCIL
	Dr Braam Hanekom (Dutch Reformed Church)
	Rev Dewald Hoffman (Dutch Reformed Church)
	Rev Rachel Mash (Anglican)
	Ms Tahirih Matthee (Baha'i)
	Prof. Ernst M. Conradie (Department of Religion & Theology UWC)
	Ms Ilana C.Stein (Jewish)
	Muhammad Ridwaan Gallant (Muslim)

	Bishop Geoff Davies (Anglican)
11.	MOTIONS TO AGM  Braam took on matters addressed – Braam asked if you can become a member to SAFCEI, Francesca informed all that you need to fill in a form and be represented by your congregation to become a member. Is there any income in case of dona-fatigue, we work on donations from our funders and work on small grants for now. What roles does one require to become a Board Member, it has a lot of oversight.
12.	AOB None
13.	KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY VANDANA SHIVA:  Francesca (ED) introduced Vandana Shiva, she is an Indian scholar, environmental activist, food sovereignty advocate, ecofeminist and anti-globalisation author. Shiva founded Navdanya, an Earth and women centric movement for seed saving, biodiversity, conservation and the rights of farmers. In 1993, she received the Right Livelihood Award, commonly known as the "Alternative Nobel Prize." Shiva is often referred to as "Gandhi of grain" for her activism associated with the anti-GMO movement.  Vandana Shiva spoke about how GMO is destructive to the natural biodiversity. She spoke about how chemicals used in agricultural activities play a huge role in Biodiversity degradation. Vandana emphasized how our cultural ways of food production do not contribute to climate change or biodiversity degradation and we should therefore continue using those methods.
14.	UPCOMING EVENTS AND CAMPAIGNS  Season of Creation - 1 September to 4 October 2022  Join our campaign for sustainable production leading up to World Food Day  Agroecology workshop - 9 September 2022  World Animal Day/St Francis Day - 4 October

	World Food Day - 16 October 2022
	World Egg Day - 14 October 2022
	Participate in our #CageFreeSA Digital Picket
	Photographs to wayne@safcei.org.za by 4 October 202
	Regional Interfaith Dialogue on 17 October 2022
	Details to be posted on our website safcei.org.
15.	CLOSURE OF MEETING  Vote of thanks by Kirtanya Lutchminarayan
	Prayer Devotions by Rev Pippa Jones and Soraya Sallie