

# **CIRCULAR ECONOMY SYMPOSIUM 19-20 NOVEMBER 2019**

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# INTRODUCTION

- ▶ Uthando Solutions and Trading (Pty) Ltd is the business that currently specializes in the collection and distribution of waste material for recycling purposes since 2014. The business is 100% percent owned by Black female (Mrs Nokubong Mnyango). The business site is in Ngwelezane and collection is done in and around boaders of City of uMhlathuze Local Municipality and to King Cetshwayo District Municipality.
- ▶ The main objective is to expand to plastic palletization process before distribution in order to reduce high rates of plastic pollution.

# CIRCULAR ECONOMY

- ▶ YOUTH IN CIRCULAR ECONOMY.

Youth 17.84 million mid-year 2019.

Unemployment rate is very high particularly in the youth category.

- ▶ The theory of capitalism valued nature primarily as a commodity to be used in wealth-creating activities. (Steiner & Steiner, 2009: 407-414).
- ▶ Harmony with land is like harmony with a friend, you cannot cherish his right hand and chop off his left. (Aldo Leopold)

# PARTNERSHIP AND OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ There are far too many waste collectors in the industry and the country in general.
- ▶ A model of NCT COOPERATIVE LIMITED established in 1949. Timber growers across the country market their timber through this cooperative. Profits are shared amongst those supplied in the financial year.
- ▶ UTHANDO SOLUTIONS + KK WASTE SERVICES = KU GREEN HANDS
- ▶ Waste collectors to form a buy back centres.
- ▶ Processing plants (Plastics)
- ▶ Manufacturing plants
- ▶ PARTNERSHIPS WITH DEA, PROUDLY SOUTH AFRICA, DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND INNOVATION, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, NATIONAL, PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.  
PARTNERING WITH DIFFERENT STAKEHOLDERS I.E (GREEN YOUTH NETWORK, PETCO, CCBSA, HULAMIN, DACT, SAPPI, Umhlathuze MUNICIPALITY, KZNEDTEA, ECT).
- ▶ Although the adoption of the CIRCULAR ECONOMY is still in its infancy in South Africa through innovation, new business streams and even new industries such as the waste picker sector, reprocessing and waste to energy industries are being introduced.

# CONTRIBUTION TO CIRCULAR ECONOMY

- ▶ Buy back centre based in the Township and Rural
- ▶ Collected about 600 tons of recyclables annually
- ▶ Created job opportunities direct and indirect.
- ▶ Schools Recycling Programme (CCBSA).
- ▶ Clean up campaigns (uMhlathuze Municipality, KZNEDTEA, CCBSA, Community) - teaching the community.

# MAINSTREAM FOR THE YOUTH

- ▶ Teaching children to take care of our environment is learning experience that is an important part of growing up. It gives them skills in respect, empathy, patience, responsibility, and teach them about consequences.
- ▶ But also teaches them valuable lessons about sustainability and how we want to leave the world for future generations.
- ▶ Teaching children about CIRCULAR ECONOMY is like pressing the button to them for a cleaner and a brighter future.

# THANK YOU

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ENVIRONMENT...



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