

### SPEAKER

**Lene Ecoignard**

Information Management & Design Consultant at eWASA and other companies

### TOPIC

Lene will be talking about e-waste management and recycling, the exciting eWASA/MINTEK urban mining partnership and highlight legal requirements for small businesses when managing their electronic waste.

### SYNOPSIS

e-Waste is one of the fastest growing waste streams world-wide and contains a multitude of valuable and hazardous substances that must be recovered and responsibly recycled. According to the latest statistics South African produced around 6kg of e-waste per person in 2012. eWASA members companies recovered around 13% of the estimated e-waste generated, showing ample space for growth in recycling figures and highlighting the job creation potential in the sector. The eWASA - MINTEK urban mining project is focusing on developing a mobile solution to e-waste management in the country with a focus on rural collection and recycling of e-waste.

### PROFILE

Lene has been working with e-waste since 2003 when the first e-waste assessment was conducted in the country and became part of a taskforce of concerned individuals leading to the establishment of eWASA. She has visited many recycling and refurbishment facilities locally and abroad and has conducted e-waste audits on behalf of eWASA. Her commitment to the development of a sustainable e-waste industry in the country is demonstrated in her understanding of the unique challenges for collectors, dismantlers, recyclers and refurbishers in the country within the context of sustainable, environmentally sound management of valuable and hazardous material found in electronic waste. This understanding is enhanced by her background in hazardous waste and chemicals management training through her involvement with the Basel Convention Regional Centre and the Africa Institute.



**DATE:** Friday 09 May 2014  
**TIME:** 07:30 for 08:00  
**VENUE:** Thaba Ya Batswana, Impala Road, Klipriviersberg Nature Reserve, Johannesburg  
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