The University of KwaZulu Natal's Centre for Civil Society (CCS) cordially invites you to a seminar titled "Just Compensation: Accounting for Lost Assets and Livelihoods in Mining-Affected Communities in Somkhele"

The seminar draws on All Rise Attorneys' 2018 survey of 115 mine-affected households in Somkhele and surrounding areas to assess mining-related losses to livelihood assets, land, crops, livestock, culture, ecosystems and health. It examines inadequate compensation, the erosion of cultural and spiritual connections to place, and the immediate and long-term livelihood impacts over 20 years. The study advances an innovative asset-based framework that moves beyond one-off 'willing buyer, willing seller' compensation to quantify both direct losses and foregone future income from depleted assets.



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Speakers: Sarah Bracking, Janice Tooley and Danford Chibvongodze
Date & Time: Wednesday, 11 November 2026, 1:00-2:00 pm (SA Time)
Ms Teams Link: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/3126158459073861?p=mSKJwAFgokyD9v22ua

CCS Seminar Programme/Agenda

1:00–1:05 PM — Janice Tooley: Historical Background and Context of Tendele Coal Mining in Somkhele
1:05–1:30 PM — Danford Chibvongodze: Findings on Mining-Related Losses and Damages: Livelihood Assets, Compensation and Long-Term Economic Impacts
1:30–1:35 PM — Sarah Bracking: An Innovative Asset-Based Framework for Calculating Loss and Damage
1:35–2:00 PM — Q&A, Discussion and Closing Remarks

Speakers Bio:

Sarah Bracking is Professor of Climate and Society at King's College London, UK. She is a political economist and social science of finance practitioner. She is editor of Corruption and Development (Palgrave, 2007); author of Money and Power (Pluto, 2009) and The Financialisation of Power (Routledge, 2016); and co-author of Valuing Development, Environment and Conservation: Creating Values that Matter (Routledge, 2019). Her work since 2014 has focused on climate and green finance, evaluating its scope, utility, spectacle and performativity.



Janice Tooley is a practicing attorney specialising in environmental law. She also has a masters degree in environmental science and past experience in environmental management and conducting EIAs. She is a director and co-founder of the law clinic ALL RISE Attorneys for Climate and Environmental Justice, working pro bono on public interest matters and for communities who cannot afford legal services.



Danford Chibvongodze is a researcher at the Centre for Civil Society, University of KwaZulu-Natal. He is a specialist in poverty, sustainability, informality and place-making. His work combines participatory, community-led methodologies with environmental and socio-economic analysis to inform policy and strengthen rural and urban resilience.

