

## Transformative Knowledge Workshop 10-12 September 2015, Durban Agenda

*10 Sept: Glenwood Meeting Room, Garden Court Marine Parade Hotel*

*11-12 Sept: Rm. 214, Innovation Centre, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Howard College Campus*

### **Pre-workshop preparation: Please:**

1. Bring with you an object that symbolizes what you believe to be the core qualities of **social transformation** for you. On an index card, write a caption for your object—a **brief** description of why you chose it.
2. Watch [Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie's talk](http://goo.gl/DDEExpr) (19m) on *The Danger of a Single Story* (<http://goo.gl/DDEExpr>)
3. Read the chapter from Valerie Brown's book: *Leonardo's Vision: A Guide to Collective Thinking and Action*. Valerie will be sharing a framework that emerged from over 30 years of leading sustainability projects work with multiple communities.

### **Important information (please also see the Practical Information Guide provided separately):**

#### **Workshop opening and reception:**

We will gather at 5:00pm on Thursday, 10 September, in the Glenwood Meeting Room at the Marine Parade Hotel to open the workshop and introduce ourselves to one another. Please bring the transformation object with you.

#### **Workshop schedule:**

The bus to bring you to the workshop venue will leave from the hotel at 8.30 on Friday, and at 8.00 on Saturday.

#### **Saturday field trip:**

On Saturday, please come to the morning workshop session ready to go on a field trip as we will leave right from the workshop location to go to a "site of transformation". Bring a camera and something to take notes on if you wish, as well as comfortable walking shoes, and perhaps a bottle of water or sunscreen.

#### **Saturday evening dinner and event:**

On Saturday evening, we will have a dinner off-site, which will be part of the evening event with leading figures from the larger Durban "creative" scene. More information will be provided at the workshop. You will have a small break between the afternoon field trip and the evening activities to change and relax a bit.

#### **Participation:**

Workshop participants are expected to participate in the entire workshop, dinners each evening, field trip and evening event on Saturday. Please do not organise any personal meetings or work during this time.

#### **Dress code:**

Casual/comfortable!

## Draft agenda

### Thursday, 10 September : Opening

17.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introductions and overview, followed by dinner</li></ul>
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### Friday, 11 September: Discovering the collected wisdom in the room

Morning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What brought us all here?</li><li>• How might we create a knowledge network amongst ourselves that is authentic, long-lasting, and valuable to our communities?</li></ul>
	Part I: Collective Decision-making: <i>"Decisions-into-practice open learning spiral"</i> Valerie Brown, Emeritus Professor and former Director of Local Sustainability Project, Fenner School of Environment and Society, Australian National University.
Afternoon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fact-finding about our knowledge network</li><li>• Being a knowledge network: <i>Reciprocity Ring</i></li><li>• Part II: Collective Decision-making framework – Valerie Brown</li></ul>
Evening	Dinner and mingling

### Saturday, 12 September: Harnessing the collected wisdom

Morning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Co-constructing the knowledge network</li><li>• Part III: Collective Decision-making framework – Valerie Brown</li><li>• Action planning</li></ul>
Afternoon	Field Trip to "Site of Transformation" (outside Durban) – led by Debra Roberts, Director of the Environmental Planning and Climate Protection Department, eThekweni Municipality (transportation by bus from the workshop location and back to hotel)
Evening	Dinner and evening event: Sustainability, Creativity, Imagination (transport from hotel by bus) – led by artist Andries Botha (andriesbotha.net) with several other creative voices

### Sunday, 13 September: World Social Science Forum 2015 - Panel NCP 1C

11.00-12.30, ICC, MR 12a	<p><b>Title:</b> Social Transformation for a Just and Sustainable World</p> <p><b>Keynote speaker:</b> Valerie Brown (25 minutes, including clarifying questions)</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b> one representative per TKN proposal (3 minute responses per panelist)</p> <p><b>Panel discussion:</b> ca. 30-40 minutes of exchange among keynote speaker, panelists, and the audience</p> <p><b>Panel facilitator:</b> Susanne C. Moser, Senior Advisor to the ISSC's Transformations Programme; Director, Susanne Moser Research &amp; Consulting and Social Science Research Fellow at Stanford University's Woods Institute for the Environment</p>
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