



**PROJECT 90**  
BY 2030

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A low-carbon generation.

# ANNUAL REPORT

*July 2024 - June 2025*

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# WHO IS PROJECT 90 BY 2030

*Project 90 by 2030 is a social and environmental justice organisation inspiring and mobilising South African society towards a sustainably developed and equitable low-carbon future.*

We are a change-focused organisation aiming to inspire and bring about significant, positive change in the way we engage with earth systems and each other.

We work with stakeholders and decision makers to identify policies and actions that support climate justice; with a specific focus on developing environmental leadership in our youth, and increasing people's ability to engage government – through active public participation – to address climate change, energy poverty, and the social injustices that intersect in their communities.

# KEY PRINCIPLES WE APPLY TO OUR WORK

## LEADERSHIP

*Supporting young climate leaders to take action*

## PRACTICAL ACTION

*Inspiring actions for resilience building in communities*

## RESEARCH

*Researching and making information accessible*

## PARTNERSHIPS

*Collaborating in climate networks and coalitions*

## ADVOCACY

*Supporting the elevation of diverse voices*

# DIRECTORS INTRO

*As Project 90 by 2030 embraces 18 years of inspiring and mobilising, we reflect with gratitude on the remarkable contributions our team and partners have made over the years.*



We are deeply grateful to everyone who has contributed to championing our mission to inspire positive change in how we engage with Earth systems and with one another.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the Project 90 Team and Board, our partners, and supporters who have walked this journey with us. Their trust, collaboration, and belief in our work have strengthened our resilience, amplified the collective voice, enabling us to navigate both challenges and opportunity with purpose.

As we look ahead, we remain inspired by what is possible when people come together to continue learning, adapting, and building momentum, inspiring leadership, strengthening agency, and mobilising action toward a just and resilient future for all.

*-Lorna Fuller, Director  
Project 90 by 2030*



*Project 90 by 2030 Team Photo in Muizenberg*

***YOU ARE NOT JUST A DROP IN THE OCEAN  
WE ARE THE  
WAVE OF CHANGE!***

# CHAIRPERSONS OVERVIEW

*As Project 90 by 2030 marks 18 years of work, the Board recognises this moment as one of profound reflection and renewal. Eighteen years is no small feat it is a testament to the enduring belief that a just and sustainable world is not only necessary, but possible.*



This milestone invites us not only to celebrate the progress made, but to honestly examine how well we are honouring the responsibility entrusted to us as a board and the organisation as a whole.

We acknowledge with deep appreciation and heartfelt gratitude the leadership and dedication of the Project 90 by 2030 team, whose passion, resilience, and tireless commitment give life to our collective strategic direction through meaningful impact. The work has never been easy the challenges are real, the road is long, and the stakes could not be higher.

Yet it is precisely because of this team's unwavering resolve that we remain hopeful and energised for what lies ahead.

We also recognise and thank our partners and supporters, whose confidence in Project 90 by 2030 and whose collaboration have built and continue to strengthen the organisation's vision and mission. You are not just contributors you are co-builders of a shared future.

As we look ahead, the Board reaffirms its commitment to provide the oversight and governance that creates space to build with and for people. We do not take lightly the urgency of this moment the climate crisis demands bold action, deep solidarity, and sustained effort.

We call on all who share this vision to recommit alongside us: to show up, to push forward, and to hold the course. Together, we support our resilient and ever-ready team as they continue the meaningful work of building a just and sustainable world not just for ourselves, but for the generations who will inherit what we create today.

***-Cindy Ross, Board Chairperson  
Project 90 by 2030***

# YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

*Over the past few years, our Youth Leadership work across Southern Africa has supported the emergence of an inspiring generation of young climate leaders.*

In this most recent period, we have strengthened support structures and built capacity to ensure our participants, through our YouLead Initiative and the youth networks we support, are equipped to grow into positive leadership roles in their communities.

Through leadership hikes, community service, skills development, and shared learning opportunities, our young people have been building confidence, agency, and purpose. The YouLead Initiative has continued to foster self-development through community building, practical projects, and communication skills, while our Youth Support Hub through a holistic approach has helped young leaders navigate the growing challenges of climate justice work. Additionally, our alumni have stepping into new opportunities, working with partner organisations and contributing to community initiatives.

We cannot wait to see what the next journey is for these young climate leaders, and to continue strengthening the our programme to support them and more.



*YouLead Initiative 2024 end of year celebration*



*Overnight adventurous journey with Educo Africa*



*YouLead Warriors being guided in their weekly yoga session*

# REAL ACTION HEROES

*Individuals, youth-led campaigns, civil-society organisations, and groups who have inspired and mobilised this past year:*



**Lisakhaya Mathiso**, is a youth climate activist and creative leader, has inspired young people and strengthened the climate movement, using art and innovation to engage, empower, and mobilise the next generation.

**Aloma Matthews**, is a dedicated community activist, who provides steadfast support and guidance, serving as a resilient leader and source of inspiration, fostering positive change, for many in the Hanover Park community.



**Geronimo de Klerk**, a food activist and community leader, has inspired young people and strengthened the climate movement. Using small scale agriculture to engage, empower and to mobilise the next generation.

### The Cancel Coal Campaign:

Youth-led efforts in South Africa culminated in a landmark court victory halting 1,500MW of new coal power. Through organising and sharing their stories, these youth and community leaders made change happen.



### African Climate Alliance:

For their outstanding organising and movement-building, uniting and empowering youth climate leaders across the African continent to take action and drive meaningful change within their communities.

### The Green Connection and Natural Justice:

For their relentless advocacy, strategic action, and litigation efforts that have held the line against major oil and gas corporations, communities and advancing environmental justice.



# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

*The hard work on the ground continues and so has the resilience of the amazing community workers we engage throughout our Community Partnership programme!*

This year, the importance of amplifying lived experience has become even clearer. Storytelling is a powerful tool - highlighting the realities communities face while fostering empathy, understanding, and shared purpose. Through their stories, community workers inspire others, spark dialogue, and build momentum for change.

These narratives also make issues like energy democracy, access to sustainable resources, and the impacts of climate change tangible, enabling communities to advocate for equitable solutions and shape a just energy future.

At the heart of movement-building within our Community Partnership Programme lies inspiration. Empowering individuals to lead with confidence and resilience is essential for lasting impact. The commitment, creativity, and courage of these community workers continue to strengthen the foundations of our collective work, demonstrating that meaningful change, from climate action to energy justice, begins with people.



*Hanover Park community energy and climate democracy activists at end of project celebration*



*Community leaders coming together to embrace nature and build a deeper appreciation to the environment*



*Gillian Parenzee showcasing energy saving methods at Cape Town Climate Week Energy Justice day*

# POLICY AND ADVOCACY PROGRAMME

*Our Policy and Advocacy programme has experienced significant growth and change over the last financial year.*

This last year saw us saying farewell to our former coordinator, Tina Schubert, after eight years of remarkable work, and welcoming Gabriel Klaasen into the role. The programme has since expanded its focus on collaboration, capacity-building, and supporting civil society to actively engage in decision-making and energy governance spaces.

This year, our work has included helping individuals and organisations navigate climate and energy policy, supporting submissions on key legislation and proposals, and facilitating networks and coalitions to strengthen collective impact both for The G20 Leaders Summit and The Climate Justice Movement as a whole.

By fostering dialogue, knowledge sharing, and coordinated advocacy, we are enabling communities to contribute meaningfully to shaping a sustainable and just energy future. Through these efforts, the programme continues to empower communities, amplify diverse voices, and ensure that civil society plays a central role in climate and energy decision-making.



*Northern Cape community activists at just energy transition capacity building community workshop*



*Project 90 by 2030 energy desk demonstration for community and youth activists*



*Community activists drafting energy and climate justice policy submissions*

# OUR TEAM



**Top Row From Left to Right:**

*Zizipho Mfeketo, Lydia Petersen, Sarah Nzeka,  
Lorna Fuller, Gabriel Klaasen*

**Middle Row From Left to Right:**

*Lisakhanya Mathiso, Nomanesi Makhonco-Yaze,  
Daniel Robinson, Kutlwano Nondabula, Natalie Mc Askill*

**Bottom Row From Left to Right:**

*Wandile Jonas, Mthembukazi Bavuma, Tina Schubert,  
Tyler Booth, Athabile Mvumvu*

# OUR BOARD



**Top Row (Left to Right):**

*Cindy Ross (Chairperson), Lynn Maggott, Phiwe Ndinisa*

**Bottom Row (Left to Right):**

*Nokubonga Swatbooi, Rofhiwa Takalani, Jiska de Groot*

# OUR GRANT PARTNERS

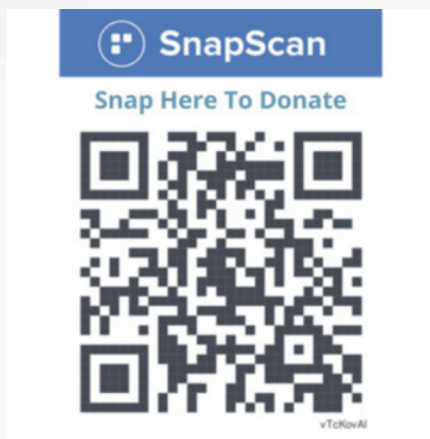


# DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	2025	2024
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>R8,656,591</b>	<b>R6,381,228</b>
Grant income	R8,475,069	R6,214,384
Donations	R57,105	R23,388
Earned Income	R124,273	R134,929
Sundry income	R144	R8,527
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>R7,509,063</b>	<b>R7,061,120</b>
Capital Costs	R63,327	R91,368
Human Resources	R3,071,885	R2,834,010
Operational Costs	R601,012	R633,831
Programme Costs	R3,711,064	R3,373,913
Monitoring and Evaluation	R61,775	R127,998
<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>(-R1,147,528)</b>	<b>(-R679,892)</b>

# THANK YOU FOR JOINING US ON THIS JOURNEY AND FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



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