

Launch of the

South African Marine Research and Exploration Forum (SAMREF)

Friday, 29 January 2016
10h30 for 11h00

Two Oceans Aquarium, Cape Town



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PROGRAMME

Times	Topic	Speaker
11h00	Welcome	Dr Andrew Kaniki Executive Director: Knowledge Fields Development National Research Foundation
11h20	Public Sector Perspective	Dr Thomas Auf der Heyde Deputy Director-General: Research Development and Support Department of Science and Technology
11h30	Industry Perspective	Mr Sean Lunn Chairperson: Offshore Petroleum Association of South Africa
11h40	Keynote Address	Minister Naledi Pandor Minister: Science and Technology
12h00	Signing of SAMREF Memorandum of Understanding	Minister Naledi Pandor and Mr Sean Lunn
	Closing and Thanks	Dr Andrew Kaniki

Light refreshments will be served.

The launch of the South African Marine Research and Exploration Forum (SAMREF) marks the successful implementation of Operation Phakisa B3 (Exploiting the broader research opportunities presented by offshore oil and gas exploration). The primary objective of SAMREF is to grow public sector research on the marine and oceanic environment through the exploitation of new opportunities presented by explorations and cruises undertaken on behalf of private sector extractive industries.

This objective will be pursued through the establishment of a brokerage service that will see partnerships established to enhance cooperation between the public and private sectors through the exchange of information and data on a voluntary basis.

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