## **Exciting next steps after our Climate Adaptation Webinar of March 2024**

With a nod to the organizers, notably Ms. Yota Mingo of the Dutch Water Authorities, Ms. Minenhle Nene of the Netherlands Embassy, and Dr John Dini of the WRC, during March 2024, Blue Deal hosted an excellent webinar on Climate Adaptation. This well attended webinar shared insights from local projects and national and international specialists. A hats off to contributing participants, including the KIWI's (Ms Noortje Vromans, Mr Leendert Visser, Mr Tom Overgaauw), local Blue Deal project leaders (Mr Fabion Smith, Mr Nkosinjani Mkhize and Mr Gustav



Engelbracht), and specialist experts from South Africa and the Netherlands (Ms Aiske Rijnks, Dr Brilliant Pethja and Dr Gabriel Lekalakala).

Following the aforementioned success, we are thrilled to announce the next steps in our knowledge exchange journey. In May, Blue Deal South Africa hosted an invigorating online brainstorming session amongst participants from all five local projects. This session aimed to identify, inventory and prioritize ideas for a structured programme of future webinars, and it was well-received and fruitful.

Our next steps involve selecting one of the prioritized topics to develop into our next webinar, which we aim to organize towards the end of the year 2024. Stay tuned for more updates as we finalize the details and continue to foster a collaborative environment for knowledge sharing within Blue Deal.