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Anna Mieke van Tienhoven

Anna Mieke van Tienhoven is NACA's Scientific and Technical Director.

"I did my undergraduate studies in Botany and Zoology at Wits University, then started working at the CSIR's Division of Forest Science and Technology in Nelspruit in 1994", she says. Anna's first project was to assist in the further development of the critical loads approach for South Africa - essentially evaluating the potential for ecosystem damage by acid rain.

In 1997, she graduated from UCT with an MSc in Environmental Geochemistry, and thereafter, her work experience expanded, working on EIA's for industry, developing sustainability indicators, and reporting on national greenhouse gas emissions for Botswana and Namibia.

Since its inception, Anna has been an active member of the Air Pollution Information Network - Africa (APINA). Anna says "the APINA network spans a number of African countries, and has introduced me to a range of people

passionate about reducing air pollution and its impacts in the southern African region".

After resigning from CSIR in 1995 to join her husband in Uganda, where he was establishing afforestation projects, she returned to SA and she was offered the opportunity to get involved in NACA's activities as the Scientific and Technical Director. She continues, "I see NACA as having an important role in the country, especially with the changes in the regulatory environment. The strength of the association lies in the diversity of its members, and the collective wisdom which can be shared to achieve our goal of clean air". Anna also hopes to see NACA's sphere of influence extending beyond our borders as NACA's goals of promoting clean air and preventing air pollution transcend political boundaries.

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