



Abigail Links

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Early career:

Abigail Links worked for Transnet National Ports Authority (TNPA) from 2001 – 2020 and progressed from a junior civil engineering technician to Port Planner and eventually headed the Port Planning and Development department in the Port of Saldanha. Her early career was centered around civil engineering project delivery including project management from concept design to implementation and final close out. During her time at TNPA she led the civil maintenance department before changing direction into the field of port planning and development.

Subsequent phase:

Ms. Links temporarily fulfilled the role of Senior Operations Manager overseeing the port operations centre, marine operations, and berthing services departments. This multi-faceted role involved management of the day-to-day port and marine operations including stakeholder engagement and liaising with Terminal Operators. She briefly led the Environmental department where she managed early environmental scoping for port infrastructure projects as well as developing the first Strategic Environmental Assessment for the port. She was actively involved in the concept development and pre-feasibility phases of port infrastructure development projects where she was responsible for leading multi-disciplinary teams and consultants. She was a member of the Ports Consultative Committee in her capacity as Port Planning and Development Manager as well as a representative on the West Coast Business Development Forum.

Most recent work:

After leaving the port environment, Ms. Links joined the public service where her work includes specific local economic projects related to infrastructure, SME development, investment facilitation and government interfaces with large corporate citizens in the West Coast. The development of the green hydrogen economy has been added to her responsibilities and she is a member of the Green Hydrogen Work Group in the Western Cape.

Organization Overview

The [Western Cape Government](#) works in co-operation with the [National Government of South Africa](#) to create laws for and provide services to the people of the Western Cape.



The Premier, [Alan Winde](#), is the executive authority in the Western Cape, mandated by the [Constitution](#) to be the head of the Western Cape Government. The Premier also appoints the Provincial Cabinet, who jointly form the executive branch of the Provincial Government.

Vision

An open opportunity society for all.

Mission

The Western Cape Government will promote freedom and opportunity for all the people of the province through:

- Policies and practices that strengthen the Constitution.
- Creating the conditions for sustainable economic and employment growth.
- Alleviating poverty by providing a welfare safety net for those unable to provide for themselves.
- Ensuring the safety of every person.
- Capital and skills.
- Delivering clean, efficient, cost-effective, transparent, and responsive public administration.

Interests

- Classification of green hydrogen as fuel vs hydrogen as chemical
- Latest technological advances
- Research and Innovation
- Policy and regulatory drivers
- Health, safety and environmental