



WATCH: WOMEN WORKING TO ADDRESS PLASTIC POLLUTION

Every year, in August, South Africa marks Women's Month. This year, the CSIR is shining the spotlight on some of its female researchers who are conducting research on plastic, waste and efforts to transition to a more circular economy. [Prof. Suzan Oelofse](#), [Dr Taahira Goga](#), [Dr Valentina Russo](#) and [Dr Maya John](#) are spearheading evidence-based research for decision-making to reduce plastic pollution.

Although plastics have many benefits, plastic pollution in the environment is an issue of global concern. There is a need to transition towards a more circular plastics economy, in which plastics are kept in the economy and out of the natural environment. In this issue, an awesome foursome is sharing their stories on how they are addressing the problem of plastics in society to embrace a circular economy - one that allows for the protection of the natural environment, effective use of natural resources, promotion of industry growth and the creation of employment opportunities.

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