




**The role of women, gender and other diverse community members in network and community sustainability**

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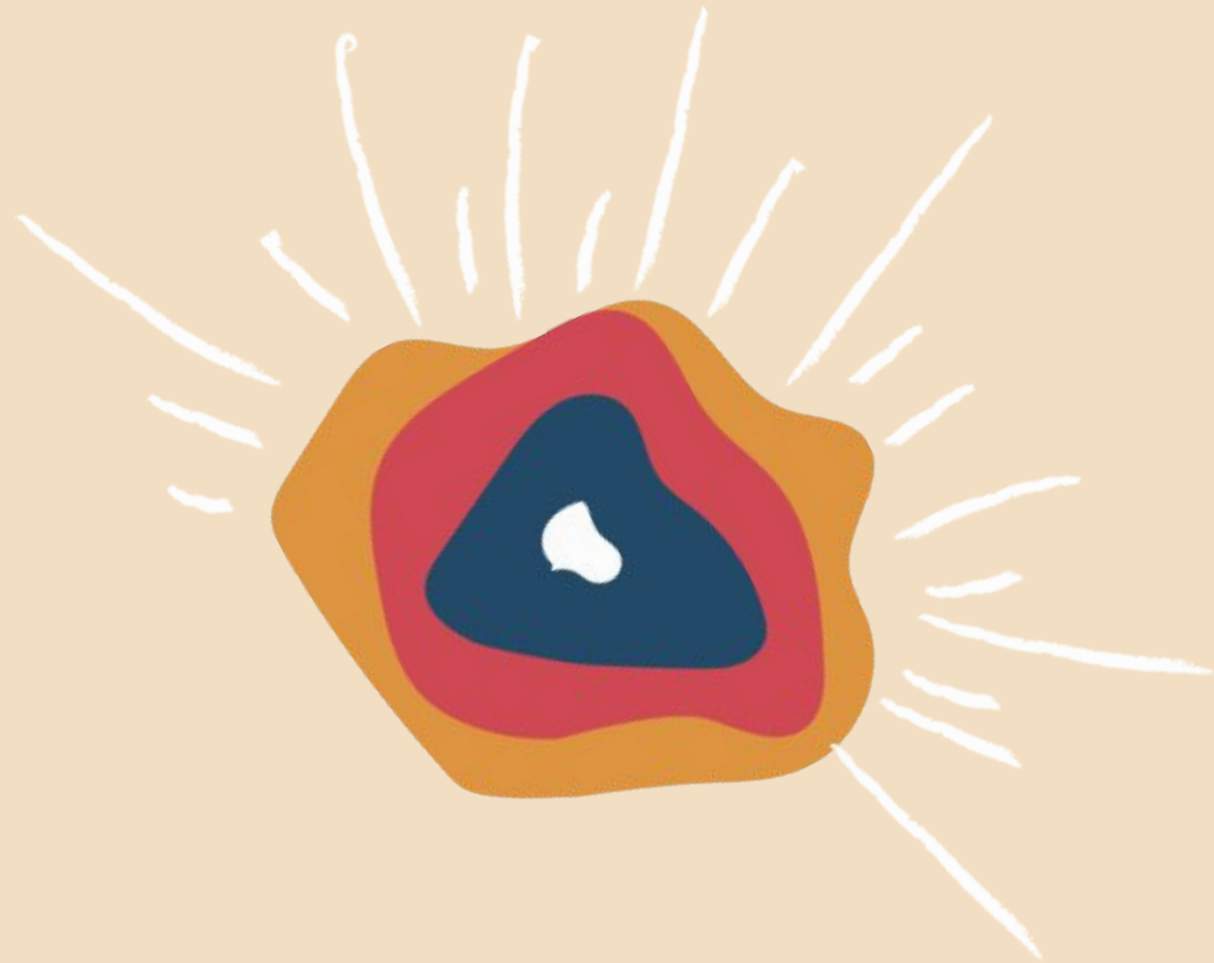
I have spent my life living and working between South Africa and Spain. I work in strategic project management within technology development, capacity building, social impact and policy – with a focus on utilizing technologies to address environmental and social challenges. I am currently a director of Zenzeleni Networks NPC, in South Africa, and also collaborate in different spaces in the Community Networks space in South Africa, Africa and globally.

# Débora Prado

I am a journalist and activist with a background in social communications, feminism and human rights. I have been working with community networks since 2017. I did a master's degree in which I studied community networks and feminist infrastructures and technologies and also joined a two-year action-research project with the Feminist Internet Research Network (FIRN) in 2019. I am now the comms associate of the community networks projects in APC.

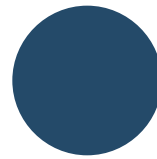
# Intention for this session

Exploring how we  
experience the  
community  
networks, policy and  
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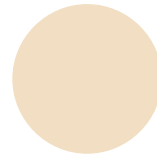


# Agenda

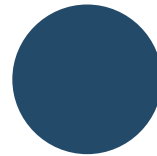
Exploring how we experience  
in the community networks &  
policy and advocacy spaces



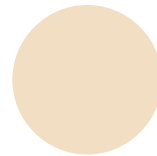
Locate ourselves and the places we  
inhabit in community networks



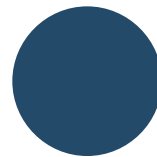
Where do we touch policy? Sharing  
two case examples



Discussion | break-out groups



Sharing back (debrief)



Closing



Mankosi, rural South Africa. Zenzeleni networks Mankosi Cooperative members, technicians, volunteers and Sol showing their National Award for Best Innovation with Social Impact. Poster by the University of the Western Cape. Photo credits, Sol.

## 2. Brazil



Vale do Ribeira, Brazil (March 2020). Photo credits, Débora.



# Break- out rooms

## Instructions:

1. You will be placed in a break-out room,
2. Identify a volunteer that wants keep track of the discussion and will report back the group,
3. Use the guiding questions for the discussion,
4. We have 20 mins for the discussion, we will notify you when it is 3 mins to closing the breakout room,
5. Your group's volunteer will have 5 mins to share some of the feedback from your group with the rest.

## Break-out room guiding questions

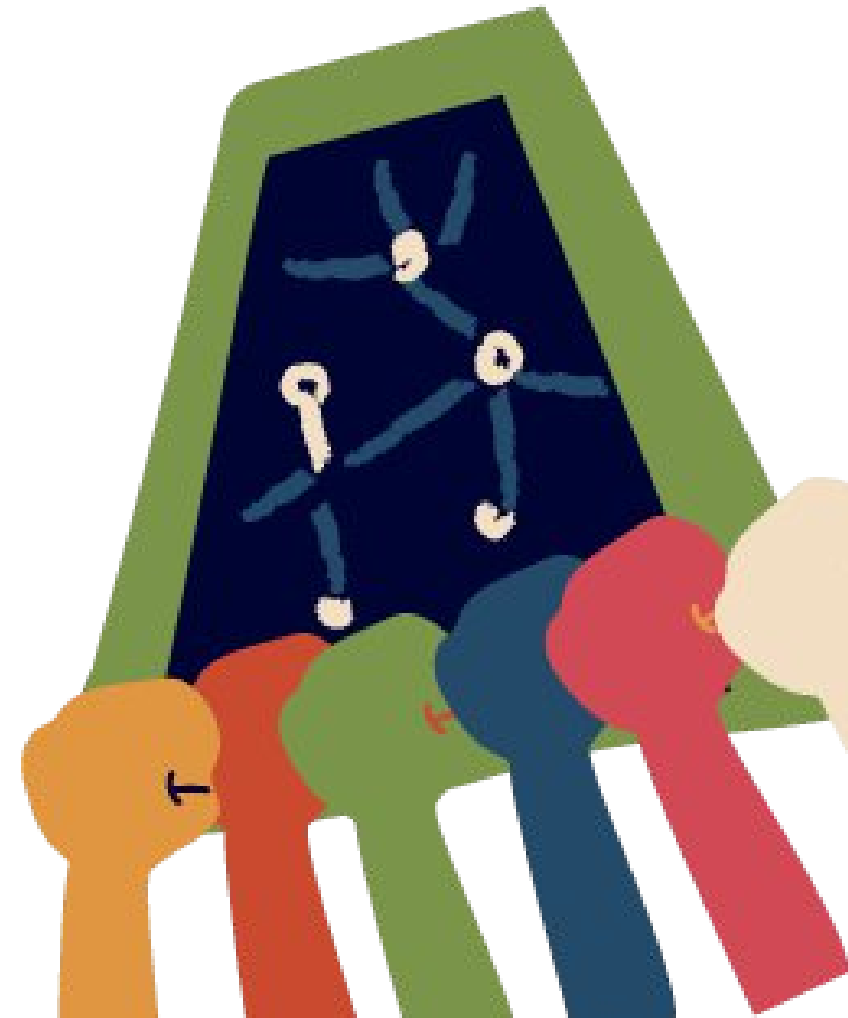
1. Who is heard in policy spaces and who is missing? Are the people that are heard the same as those that are influenced by policy?
2. Have you experienced advocating for other rights as well as access, and which ones?
3. Where do you fit in? and what does it feel like to navigate between different realities and spaces?





# Feedback from breakout rooms

5 min each :)



**If things could be different, what advice of care would you give yourself or others in this room to navigate the bridging spaces?**



*Thank you*

