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LandCare conference under way

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THE 7th biennial national LandCare conference begins at the Mittah Seperepere Convention Centre in Kimberley today.

The conference is hosted by the department of agriculture, forestry and fisheries in partnership with the Northern Cape department of agriculture, land reform and rural development.

It aims to share best practices and technologies in protecting, rehabilitating of degraded natural agricultural resources as the only means to attain food security, job creation and better agricultural livelihoods in a sustainable manner. This conference will be held under the theme Making a LandCare difference towards achieving land degradation neutrality.

It also serves as a platform for delegates from across the continent to share best practices and technologies on sustainable land management and the protection and rehabilitation of degraded natural agricultural resources.

LandCare is a community-based, community-led government supported programme which aims to also empower young people through its national JuniorCare wing, also part of the programme for the conference. JuniorCare aims to empower youth in and out of school to manage natural resources and produce agricultural entrepreneurs.

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IN ATTENDANCE: DAFF Minister Senzeni Zokwana.