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Johan Pauw is Managing Director of the South African Environmental Observation Network (SAEON), a research facility of the National Research Foundation (NRF) of South Africa. SAEON manages six geographically distributed nodes that provide long-term data on ecosystem function and environmental change. His academic education and early career extended over agriculture and wildlife management. His current career objective is to contribute to the realisation of sustainable development.

Through his career he has gained both grant making and operational management expertise while developing and coordinating multidisciplinary environmental and agricultural research, observation, information, education-outreach and extension programmes and networks. Since 2002 he has overseen the development of an open standards geo-spatial information system with interoperability permitting online access to environmental data at several distributed data providers. Consequently, he is currently involved in the World Data Centre for Biodiversity and Human Health and the South African Earth Observation Strategy. SAEON is involved in the Nairobi Clearing House Mechanism, the South African Data Centre for Oceanography and the data management of several marine research programmes.

He is a founding member of the Environmental Long-Term Observatories of Southern Africa, and a former vice-chair and chair thereof. He has represented South Africa in the International Group of Global Change Research Funding Agencies (IGFA) and the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF). He also served on the Executive and other committees of the International Long-term Ecological Research Network (ILTER) and currently on the editorial panel of *ECOLOGY (Bratislava): International Journal for Ecological Problems of the Biosphere*. He has recently published on the

development of SAEON and ELTOSA, and was the co-editor of a book on the status of the marine biodiversity of South Africa. In addition to overseeing a school-based science education-outreach programme, he is affiliated to two university programmes in natural resource management.

He is a member of several professional societies, the South African Global Change Committee (national ICSU committee), the Executive of the NRF, and is active in the Mountain Club of South Africa.