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Cathie is Founder of Earth Energy (Pty) Ltd, an ESG, climate change and water governance consultancy [<https://earth-energy.co.za/>]. She has over 27 years' experience in governance, legal and sustainability, of which 11 has been as a group company secretary in the listed environment. She started her career lecturing in law and communication, and thereafter practised as an attorney and conveyancer for own account and advised as inhouse legal counsel.

Her fields of experience include general legal and commercial work, governance, legal compliance, company secretariat, integrated reporting, ethics, risk and opportunity governance, ESG, sustainability strategy, climate change and water governance.

She is one of the founding directors of CoGo, Collaborative Governance Network for Water Security; board director of the Chartered Governance Institute of Southern Africa (CGISA) and member of its Technical Committee, member of the Working Group of the South African Integrated Reporting Committee, and convener for the ESG Reporting Working Group of the ESG Exchange.

Cathie has provided ESG, sustainability and climate change advice, assistance and research to multiple companies and businesses and regularly participates as speaker or facilitator at conferences and webinars. She participates in research projects, such as the UNESCO Be Resilient project, and the DIVAGRI project [Revenue DIVERSification pathways in Africa through bio-based and circular AGRicultural innovations].

She is a co-author of Chapter 4: The Economics of Water: Values and Governance Perspectives of the Water Research Commission Report no. SP 153/21, November 2021 edited by Swatuk et al. *Towards the Blue-Green City: Building Urban Water Resilience*.

She received the 2022 ESG High Achiever of the Year award from the South African Chamber of Commerce, London, UK.