

## APOLOGIES AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Ladies and Gentlemen: We have reached the end of our Symposium proceedings and allow me to have the final word.

Mr E T Matenge, Director of National Parks of the Republic of Botswana, as well as Mr A B Bridgens, Secretary-General of SARCCUS (Southern African Regional Commission for the Conservation and Utilization of the Soil) have tendered their apologies for absence.

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We hope that whatever was summarized in such an efficient way by Dr Martiny, that it is clear that this Symposium emphasized the importance of education and carried a message directed at the youth of Southern Africa.

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