



# Venustia: Female Residence.

A Talk Session on  
Campus Sustainability  
and tree planting.

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## Green session: Sustainability and planting of a bladder-nut Tree or Swartbas boom (*Diospyros whyteana*).

The 31st of January was the first green session for the new comers of Venustia ladies PSO. The session was a two-parts, which consisted of a biodiversity, and sustainability talk, and planting of a tree which was facilitated by Sivuyile Kweleta, Dannica Pedro from Facilities Management and the executive student Jonathan Saindon from Eco-maties came together to speak to Venustia female residence. The venue was at Coetzenberg Mountain (Welgevallen Park), within the scenic setting. The speakers emphasized how important biodiversity is, as well as what the University is doing to promote biodiversity, despite the water crisis.

The second part of the session was a tree planting ceremony. This was a symbolic metaphor of the beginning of the journey of the new comers and their role in the house as well as the role of all the other house

members. The symbolism of this tree planting was also Venustia's pledge to play its part in the protection of the environment especially on water saving.

"The insightful talk enlightened us on issues of biodiversity and sustainability, as well as the university's contribution towards addressing those issues," Thandeka Desi said. The talk was conducted successfully as it sparked much interest within the members of Venustia.

After the talk, everyone went to the location where the tree was going to be planted. Sivuyile Kweleta gave an explanation and demonstration on sustainable methods on tree planting. The students participated together as a team to plant the tree as he explained.



After planting the tree, a lot of students showed interest by asking questions on biodiversity and how they can contribute and get involved on awareness programs and events.