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Keneilwe holds an MSc in Ocean and Atmosphere Science and a BSc (Hons) in Geographic Information Systems from the University of Cape Town. She is currently responsible for the development of analytical tools for decision support using GIS and Remote sensing methods for projects such as the South African Risk and Vulnerability Atlas and the Bioenergy Atlas.

She has good GIS working experience gained from previously working at the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) and the Human Science Research Council (HSRC) providing GIS support in projects. Keneilwe is also the recipient of the following awards; the South African Department of Science and

Technology Women in Science Masters Fellowship award (2017), GIS ESRI Young Scholar award (2017) for excellence in GIS research, and Inspiring Fifty SA (2019) awarded to 50 inspiring women in Science and Technology. In 2023, she was selected by the Department of Science and Innovation to co-develop and present a Youth Declaration at the Group on Earth Observations (GEO) Ministerial Summit.