



## **OPENING DAY: Tuesday 29 November, 10:00 – 20:00**

**Rio Conventions Pavilion Pongola Room, Climate Change Response Expo 101 Bram Fischer Rd Durban 4001, South Africa (5 minute walk from International Conference Centre, see signage inside CCR Expo - open to the public)**

### **Morning Session**

**10:00 – 12:00**

*Indigenous Peoples: Key Proposals for Mitigation and Adaptation Actions based on the sustainable use and management of their land, territories and resources*

- Sharing the Indigenous Peoples' plans for climate changes actions in central and South America.
- Discuss mechanisms and key elements for safeguards in the context of REDD+ projects
- Reports on the participation of Indigenous Peoples' in climate talks from local to international level.

Organized by: Conservation International  
Facilitators: Kate Hanford, Johnson Cerda



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### Afternoon Session

13:30 – 15:00      *Taking Community Voices To Cop17 Through The Medium Of Photo Stories And Theatre*

Very often the story of those who are powerless, voiceless and marginalised is not heard. ResourceAfrica in partnership with OSISA (Open Space Initiative of Southern Africa) has identified 5 country programmes where community experiences are captured using photo stories. The objective of this programme is to understand community perceptions and perspectives on climate change, climate hazards, vulnerability and adaptation as well as to visually present them using photo stories and theatre. These are AFRICA's stories seen through the eyes of the community and brought to life through photos stories and theatre!

Organized by: SA Dept. Enviro. Affairs/ Resource Africa  
Facilitators: Facilitators: Wadzi Mandivenyyi

15:30 – 17:00      *Outcomes of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Agency, International Student Conference on Climate Change and Indigenous Knowledge Systems*

The Session will highlight the outcomes of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Agency, International Student Conference on Climate Change and Indigenous Knowledge Systems. The objectives of the session will include providing perspectives on:

- Experiences in the field of climate change research and the role of indigenous knowledge systems in climate change adaptation and mitigation
- contribute to the building of a sustainable young African Scientists network on climate change research
- provide information on the formulation of the African Young Scientists Initiative on Climate Change (AYSICC) based on indigenous knowledge systems.

Organized by: SA Dept. Enviro. Affairs/DST  
Facilitators: Facilitators: Wadzi Mandivenyyi



17:30 – 20:00      *Pavilion Opening Event*

Introduction to the Rio Conventions Pavilion program in Durban, with high level statement on importance of synergies

Chair: Mr Mketeni DEA DDG B&C

Key note: Minister DST opening

Followed by evening welcome reception

Organized by: SA Dept. Enviro. Affairs/Pavilion Partners

Facilitators: Facilitators: Veronica Lo



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### **Morning Session**

10:00 – 13:00      *Gender Mainstreaming in the Rio Conventions*

Featuring:

Deputy Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs: Mrs. Rejoice

Mabudafhasi

Minister of Women, Children and People with Disabilities (tbc)

Chief Executive Officer: South Africa National Biodiversity Institute: Dr

Abrahamse

Chief Operations Officer: Department of Environmental Affairs: Ms McCourt

Organized by: SA Dept. Enviro. Affairs/CBD, UNCCD

Facilitators: Marie Khan, Sergio Zelaya



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15:30 – 17:00      *Gender and the Art of Implementation*

Let the audience ask: An interactive learning session on practical experiences on the ground by expert

It Can Be Done: Experiences from the Field of Gender in Climate Change an interactive learning session on practical experiences on the ground by experts. Experiences showcasing the development of gender responsive national climate change strategies, the development of gender sensitive road maps on gender and REDD and the mainstreaming of gender considerations in concrete programs dealing with adaptation and mitigation are some of the examples that will be discussed during this session.

The session has been designed to ensure the full involvement of the audience. Experts will initiate discussion with a two to three minute power-presentations on their respective topics, followed by a moderated discussion that will take place under the theme “Let the Audience Ask”.

Organized by: IUCN

Facilitators: Lorena Aguilar

18:30 – 19:30      *One World: the Musical*

The RTCC Children’s Musical will be performed by the children of local Durban school Addington Primary. Through song, dance and world music the children will tell a story of climate change through a child’s eyes. By taking part in the musical kids and the audience will learn about biodiversity, desertification and climate change and their relation to the wider planet.

It is an inspiring, educational and practical tool that will be effective beyond Durban, since schools worldwide will be able to download all the kit needed free of charge to stage the event. The event will demonstrate to the



audience both how important education is to combating the degradation of the planet, and also how low cost this key tool needs to be.

Organized by: Responding to Climate Change  
Facilitators: Ed King



**Thursday 1 December, 10:00 – 19:30**

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### **Morning Session**

10:00 – 12:00      *Building Capacities for REDD+*

The session will explore various undertakings by countries, non-governmental organizations and other actors for building capacities on REDD+. The session will feature national practitioners discussing their country's progress as well as recent research on capacity building, REDD+ as a catalyst for green economy and related tools including modeling and scenarios as well as recent work related to multiple benefits.

In addition the session will have dedicated time for discussion and interventions from the audience to share more experiences.

The outcome of the session will be to increase knowledge and provide an opportunity for sharing recent progress, tools and information.

UNEP UN-REDD plans to continue this excellent partnership with the Rio Convention Pavilions at future events.

Organized by: UN-REDD, UNDP, IUCN

Facilitator: Julie Greenwalt



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### **Afternoon Session**

13:30 – 17:00      *Restoring 150 million hectares by 2020*

- 13:30 – 15:00: A World of Opportunity – The nature and scale of the opportunity and the benefits of landscape restoration
- 15:30 – 17:00: Practical tools and approaches for turning forgotten acres into benefits

The two linked sessions on Landscape Restoration and REDD+ will:

- Provide participants with the opportunity to learn about and discuss how forest and landscape restoration links the climate change, land degradation and biodiversity agendas and how this approach can be integrated through the vehicle of REDD-plus and other land use (including food security) strategies.
- Share information about the Global Partnership on Forest and Landscape Restoration and recent international developments, including the CBD Target 15, the UNFCCC REDD+ goal, the UNFF decision on forest and landscape restoration, the UNCCD's policy frameworks, and the UN framework on Food Security.
- Catalyze interest in and support for the Bonn Challenge goal to restore 150 million hectares by 2020 using a forest and landscape restoration approach, which was designed to support the above international commitments.
- Present new analysis on the nature of the restoration opportunity, its economic value, and its role in delivering a range of benefits.
- Build the capacity of participants to use the tools available to support decision-making on and implementation of landscape restoration.

The format will include screening of films, interactive panel discussions, and presentations and participatory training on tools.

Organized by: IUCN, Global Partnership on Forest and Landscape Restoration  
Facilitators: Carole Saint-Laurent





17:30 – 19:30

*Biocultural protocols: Safeguards lessons for REDD+ from the CBD*

discuss how the significant CBD advances on safeguards can be relied upon in the current discussions on safeguards in REDD+.

This session will discuss safeguards developed by the CBD – mainly the Addis Ababa principles, Akwe Kon guidelines and the Tkarihwaieri Code of Ethical Conduct and also discussions on safeguards in the context of PoWPA. The session will also focus on biocultural protocols as one of the key tools for implementing safeguards developed in the context of the Nagoya Protocol and their relevance for REDD+.

The expected outcome will be increased use and referencing of excellent CBD safeguards in the context of REDD+ rather than attempts to reinvent the wheel.

Organized by: Natural Justice/IPACC

Facilitators: Kabir Bavikatte



**Friday 2 December, 09:00– 19:30**

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## **Morning Session**

09:00 – 12:30

*Ecosystem-Based Adaptation in Mountain Regions*

*Message: Intact and resilient mountain ecosystems are key to adaptation strategies and action plans*

Focus areas:

- Climate change in mountain regions – understanding impacts on ecosystem resilience, ecosystem functioning and ecosystem services, including issue of tipping points where ecosystems undergo regime shifts
- Climate change in mountain regions – understanding impacts on communities, including social and economic impacts of, for example, changes / increased variability in rainfall and temperature for agriculture and livestock, increase in mud- and landslides, melting of glacial lakes
- Conducting vulnerability impact assessments that include ecosystem resilience as well as community vulnerability to specific impacts
- Mainstreaming adaptation actions in mountain regions into disaster risk management, land use planning, conservation and agriculture, and more broadly into development planning and financing at various levels of government
- Focus on specific adaptation mechanisms to reduce vulnerability, including
  - connectivity of mountain protected areas
  - restoration of natural habitat and ecosystem functioning
  - sustainable land management and conservation farming
- Flagship project on EBA in mountain regions funded by German Government and managed by UNEP, UNDP and IUCN
  - Nepal project in Harpankhola watershed of Panchase area
  - Peru project in Nor Yauyos-Cochas
  - Uganda project in Mt Elgon region

Organized by: UNDP/UNEP/IUCN

Facilitators: Caroline Peterson



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**13:30 – 15:00**      *EBA as a key component of SA Government Climate Change Response*

The emphasis of session will be on ecosystem services lost through climate-accelerated and climate-induced invasions – functioning of ecosystems, productive potential of land, water quantity security, water quality impacts, flooding, wild fire exacerbation, soil erosion, siltation, tourism impacts, recreational impacts, and disease. Key note speaker: Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform, with high-level panel  
Convener: Dr Guy Preston

Organized by: SA Dept. Enviro. Affairs/SANBI

**15:30 – 17:00**      *Landscape Approach to Adaptation*

Panel discussion on opportunities and challenges for ecosystem based adaptation in the grasslands. The debate will explore practical solutions and opportunities that highlight the power of integrative thinking which draws on biodiversity, ecosystems and engineering in finding solutions to our development challenges in the face of a changing climate.

Organized by: SA Dept. Enviro. Affairs/SANBI

**17:30 – 19:30**      *Connect4Climate: Smart-Crowding 4 Climate Change 2.0*

A call for partners, new and old, to brainstorm about the way forward for the Connect4Climate initiative. In just over 2 months, we have created a Facebook community of over 100,000. How best can we engage this climate crowd for positive change? Join us for an open discussion on climate change communications and the strategies, successes, and challenges of using social media to drive grassroots participation.

Organized by: Connect4Climate (World Bank)  
Facilitators: Lana Wong and Lucia Grenna



**Saturday 03 December, 10:00 – 19:00**

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## **Morning Session**

10:00 – 12:00      *Ecosystem-based Adaptation: Lessons learnt from islands' experience and proposing EbA guidelines*

The aim of this session is to raise awareness of EbA policy and practice to better inform of the role of EbA in the climate change adaptation policy debate by:

- providing a preliminary assessment of the implementation of EbA in islands, the Caribbean, Pacific and Indian oceans
- presenting for discussion IUCN and partners' "Principles and Guidelines for mainstreaming Ecosystem Based Adaptation in policy making and project development"
- identifying future actions needed to promote EbA in policies and programmes on climate change adaptation

Organized by: IUCN/EC/GLISPA  
Facilitators: Dominique Benzaken

10:00 – 19:00      *Oceans Day*

Oceans Day will raise awareness of the central role of oceans in global climate processes. This day will address the support the development of a coastal and ocean caucus of countries in efforts to bring the ocean and coasts issues into the various UNFCCC negotiations on mitigation, adaptation, financing, and capacity development/technology transfer; and mobilize to advance oceans and climate issues in the UNFCCC, Rio+20, and other relevant fora. Featuring talks by:

- Deputy Minister Mrs. Rejoice Mabudafhasi, Department of Environmental Affairs and Fisheries, South Africa
  - Dr. Biliiana Cicin-Sain, President, Global Ocean Forum
  - Dr. Wendy Watson-Wright, Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO
- Followed by cocktail event at 18:15**

Organized by: Global Ocean Forum



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## **Afternoon Session**

12:00 – 13:30      *Pacific Voyage to Climate Change Adaptation*

Showcasing successes, lessons learnt and future plans for the Pacific  
Adaptation to Climate Change (PACC) Project

Objective: The Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change (PACC) Project will  
showcase their successes, lessons learnt and future plans at the  
International negotiations in Durban during the UNFCCC COP through the  
attendance of the PACC PMU and the national coordinators.

Outcomes of the side event:

- Growing awareness of the PACC and of Pacific measures taken to address adaptation
- Donor interest in helping to grow PACC

Key messages:

1. PACC is beneficial to the lives of Pacific island people, it has achieved some successes and would now like to upscale in size.
2. The PACC framework and PACC is the ideal vehicle for future donors to bring about adaptation projects on the ground in the Pacific region
3. Lessons learnt by PACC thus far from administration to technical will make PACC more successful in the future.

Organized by: Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)

Facilitators: Nanette Woonton

13:30 – 15:30      *Exploring the Synergies between Ecosystem and Community based Adaptation*

Presenting a common conceptual framework and illustrative case studies  
that help to integrate effectively Ecosystem and Community based  
Adaptation

Organized by: Ecosystems and Livelihoods Adaptation Network (ELAN)

Facilitators: Carina Bachofen



15:30 – 17:30

*Practical design and implementation of joint ecosystem and community based adaptation strategies at sub-national levels in Least Developed Countries and Small Island States*

Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) are among the most vulnerable countries to the current and future impacts of climate change. Local communities in these countries are particularly threatened by these impacts as they are highly dependent on the natural resources base and ecosystems that are being negatively impacted by climate change. Concurrently, LDCs and SIDS have at their disposal scarce resources to cope with these changes and establish comprehensive adaptation programs and actions, thus presenting a mounting challenge to safeguard the livelihoods of those that are most vulnerable.

Organized by: The Nature Conservancy  
Facilitators: Yabanex Batista



## **Monday 05 December, 10:00 – 18:30**

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10:00 – 18:30      *Climate Smart Cities: Local Governments Planning for Nature*

This session is expected to provide local governments with tangible ways to climate-proof their municipalities using nature based solutions. All three conventions, and water, are inextricably linked – this session will showcase how nature can be used to creating climate smart cities.

How adaptation and mitigation are aligned within a local context, followed by café-style discussions, and culminating in a report back and key ideas.  
Cities as Green Economic Drivers: Ecosystem Services for Climate Smart Cities

Examples in cities followed by mini-workshop sessions in smaller groups  
Cities Becoming Productive Producers: panel debate and audience Q&A  
Happy Cities: Reception Event

Organized by: ICLEI

Facilitators: Leanne Raymond and Shela Patrickson



**Tuesday 06 December, 10:00 – 19:00**

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10:00 – 19:00      *Land Day 5: Achieving Zero Net Land Degradation: Impacts on Climate Change Issues*

Panel 1: Can the world afford not to go land degradation neutral?

Panel 2: How will land degradation neutrality impact climate change issues such as adaptation, mitigation, and resilience building?

Panel 3: Potential contribution of 'zero net land degradation target' in driving the synergy agenda at all levels: best practices and successful case studies

Evening Reception with UNCCD Drylands Ambassador and South African Gospel Star, Deborah Fraser

Organized by: UNCCD

Facilitators: Wagaki Mwangi





**Wednesday 7 December, 8:30 – 18:45**

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### **Morning Session**

8:30 – 10:00      *Business Engagement in the Rio Conventions – Breakfast event*

This event, on the Flagship Business Day at COP17, is part of a series of events to promote synergies amongst the 3 Rio Conventions to enhance overall dialogue on business, biodiversity, climate change and land degradation, all of which are linked to the earth's natural capital. There is strong recognition that biodiversity loss, climate change and land degradation have negative impacts on development. 'Business as usual' is thus no longer an option. This dialogue is intended to highlight some of the best practices and associated challenges of mainstreaming environmental sustainability into business.

Organized by: South Africa DEA, CBD  
Facilitators: David Steuerman

10:00 – 11:30      *Managing Coastal Ecosystems for Climate Mitigation*

Coastal habitats worldwide are under increasing threat of destruction through human activities. This loss of habitat carries with it the loss of critical functions that coastal ecosystems provide, including carbon storage. This session will discuss scientific and economic dimensions and explore policy and financing options for conserving carbon in coastal habitats for climate mitigation. Managing coastal coastal ecosystems for climate change mitigation can achieve multiple benefits towards the achievement of the objectives of the UNFCCC as well as CBD.

Presentations include:

- The science of coastal storage carbon (Steven Crooks, ESA Associates (currently not planning on going), maybe someone from Cifor??) Or on the more technical side: Sandro on IPCC stuff??
- Blue Carbon Policy Options (Robert O'Sullivan Climate Focus)
- Financing options for mitigation from coastal ecosystems (Brian Murray, Duke University)
- Experiences from the coastal carbon management projects



- Inclusion of coastal carbon in national mitigation strategies – National Representative from Governments: Ecuador, Indonesia

Organized by: IUCN, Duke University

Facilitators: Dorothee Herr



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### Afternoon Session

12:30 – 15:00      *Biodiversity, Climate Change, and Sustainable Development: Harnessing Synergies for Premiums*

A Pathway from Durban, to Rio and India: leaping forward towards increasing synergies between the three Major Global Environmental Agendas (Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Biodiversity)

Organized by: South Africa DEA/World Bank  
Facilitators: Wadzi Mandivenyi

15:30 – 17:00      *Integrated economic assessment – Unlocking the investment potential of land resources and ecosystem services*

The session will show how to build an understanding of the total economic value of land resources and the socio-economic rationale for investing into sustainable land management. Representatives of the OSLO (Offering Sustainable Land-use Options) consortium and of the ELD (Economics of Land Degradation) initiative will illustrate the results achieved to date and the challenges and opportunities ahead. A number of countries are already moving swiftly ahead with implementing this methodology at national level to generate evidence to unlock investment opportunities. Successful experiences from Cambodia, and Tanzania will be showcased and the experience of policy makers will be brought together to show how and why this should be a central pillar of any approach to the management of fragile ecosystems in different environments.

Organized by: The Global Mechanism  
Facilitators: Simone Quatrini



17:15 – 18:45

*Innovative Financing*

A Pathway from Durban, to Rio and India: leaping forward towards increasing synergies between the three Major Global Environmental Agendas (Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Biodiversity)

Organized by: South AfricaDEA/National Treasury

Facilitators: Wadzi Mandivenyi



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### **Morning Session**

10:00 – 12:00      *CSOs for Land Restoration: A land degradation neutral green economy*

The goal of this event is to raise awareness about the potential for land restoration globally through the implementation of the sustainable land management techniques. We aim to build a coalition of partners that will promote the recovery of a given amount of degraded land by 2020 as part of the Decade's achievement, and to further the growing calls for a land degradation neutral world.

Organized by: UNDDD/IATF  
Facilitators: Wagaki Mandivenyi



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### **Afternoon Session**

12:30 – 16:30      *Protected Areas: Nature's Response to Climate Change*

An event to discuss transfrontier conservation areas, World Heritage Sites, and the economics of protected areas

Organized by: South Africa DEA/SANPARKS/MDTP  
Facilitators: Wagaki Mandivenyi

17:00 – 19:00      *Rio Conventions Pavilion Closing Event: Looking Forward to Rio+20*

Lessons learnt and next steps for Rio +20: Special panel presentation and a summary of the major thematic sessions of the Rio Conventions Pavilion programme. Cocktail reception to follow.

Organized by: South Africa DEA/Pavilion Partners  
Facilitators: Veronica Lo