

DATE & VENUE:

COP 17, DURBAN

28th November 2011, 13:00 - 15:00 hrs

EU Pavilion



MAIN SUBJECT

The side event will showcase examples of successful EU-Africa scientific cooperation in the field of climate change, focusing on best practices, challenges and opportunities for development of capacities for climate change research in Africa.

In particular, capacity needs in areas such as (1) Climate predictions and scenarios; (2) Climate change impacts on health, agriculture and ecosystems; (3) Adaptation options; will be considered, including through a panel discussion involving representatives of the European Commission, EU Member States, European and African researchers, UN agencies and other stakeholders.

Specific questions will be addressed during the conference such as:

1. What role can international scientific cooperation play in building capacity research and development in Africa?
2. EU-Africa Partnership on Climate Change – key areas for cooperation, collaboration opportunities and research gaps?
3. What are the 'best practices' for successful capacity development in the field of research and what possibilities exist for disseminating them?
4. How do we ensure that research in Africa is able to influence Policy Making?

AGENDA

Item	Speakers
Welcome remarks and introduction: The European Research Programme (FP7) as tool for international scientific cooperation in tackling climate challenges	DG Research and Innovation, European Commission
FP7 project presentations: Understanding the dynamics of Climate Change in Africa	Centro Euro-Mediterraneo per I Cambiamenti Climatici and IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ClimAFRICA) WATERNET Secretariat (DEWFORA)
FP7 project presentations: Climate Induced Changes on Water and Security	Centre de Recherche et de technologie de l'Eau and Ecologic Institute (CLIWASEC)
FP7 project presentations: Climate change impacts on Health and adaptive capacity in Africa	Centre Suivi Ecologique (QWECI) Trinity College, University of Dublin (HEALTHY FUTURES)
FP7 project presentations: Adapting to a changing climate: challenges in agriculture, food security and natural resources management	Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (EAU4FOOD) Institute for Natural Resources (AFROMAISON)
Panel discussion and "Question and Answer" session: Translating research findings into decision making: challenges and opportunities for better knowledge management and science-policy interface	



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Best practices, challenges and opportunities for addressing capacity development needs for research in Africa:

- **Transfer of Knowledge, Education and training**
- **Information management and access to existing knowledge**
- **Coordination and networking**
- **Building operational capacity for undertaking research and for effective production of scientific knowledge relevant to policy needs**
- **Support to monitoring, modelling and observation capacity**
- **Capacity for effective communication of knowledge to decision makers and the public at large**

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