



Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Special Report on Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters to Advance Climate Change Adaptation.

- Regional Outreach meeting -

Date: 20 – 22 October 2013

Venue: Leriba Lodge, Pretoria, South Africa



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Day 1	20 October 2013
Time	Item
16:00 - 18:00	Registration
18:00 - 19:15	Welcoming words by the Department of Environmental Affairs DDG Judy Beaumont Welcoming words by Norwegian Environment Agency - Øyvind Christophersen , Introduction to SREX: - Working Group II of the IPCC - Chris Field
19:45	Cultural activities Cocktail Dinner

Day 2	21 October 2013
Time	Item
08:30 – 09:00	Registration and tea/coffee available
09:00 – 10:00	Opening Ceremony- : Chairperson: DG: Environmental Affairs- Nosipho Ngcaba – Norwegian Environment Agency - Øyvind Christophersen , – IPCC WG Co-Chair – Chris Field – Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs The Honourable Mrs. Edna Molewa
10:00 – 10:30	Press Conference: – Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs The Honourable Mrs. Edna Molewa – Director-General Dept. of Environmental Affairs- Nosipho Ngcaba – IPCC WG Co-Chair – Chris Field
10:00 – 10:30	Tea/Coffee
10:30 – 12:30	Panel Discussion: Managing Climate Extremes in Southern Africa – Lessons from the IPCC SREX Report- Chairperson: Mary Scholes The purpose of this session is to review the major findings of SREX and to initiate discussions of the implications for the region – Overall framing, discussion of exposure/vulnerability (Chapter 1 or 2) – Linda Sygna – Regional observations and projections of extremes (Chapter 3) – Mark New – Regional impacts, losses (Chapter 4) – Guy Midgley – Risk management measures, both incremental and transformative (Chapters 5-8) - Bettina Koelle – Regionally focused case studies (Chapter 9) – Coleen Vogel
12:30 – 13:00	Discussions
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break

14:00 – 14:15	Introduction to working groups- Chairperson: Brian Mantlana		
	The purpose of the working groups is to allow for knowledge exchange across the region and across the sectors.		
14:15-16:30	Working Group 1	Working Group 2	Working Group 3
	Regional Action: Responding to the SREX Report Findings	National Action: Responding to the SREX Report Findings	Community Action: Responding to the SREX Report Findings
	Chair: Debra Roberts Rapporteur: Mapula Tshangela	Chair: Themba Dube Rapporteur: Anne Bruwer	Chair: Chris Moseki Rapporteur: Telly Chauke
	<i>Guiding Questions:</i> Are regional institutions and policy frameworks adequate for dealing with the challenges set out in SREX? If not, what needs to change? Are these incremental or transformative? Is the use of science and social science in guiding policy and decision-making sufficient? How can action become more evidence based? How can uncertainty in projections be dealt with regionally?	<i>Guiding Questions:</i> Are national institutions and policy frameworks adequate for dealing with the challenges set out in SREX? If not, what needs to change? Are these incremental or transformative? Is the use of science and social science in guiding policy and decision-making sufficient? How can action become more evidence based? How can uncertainty in projections be dealt with regionally?	<i>Guiding Questions:</i> How suited are community-based approaches to future changes in extreme events, vulnerability and exposure? What changes are needed at community level to reduce impacts? How can action become more evidence based? How can uncertainty in projections be dealt with regionally?
16:30 – 17:00	Report backs from working groups followed by discussion chaired by Brian Mantlana		
17:00 – 18:00	Pre-dinner drinks and networking		
18:30 - 21:00	Dinner and networking (to be hosted by the South African Government)		

DAY 3	22 October 2013
Time	Item
08:30 – 10.30	<p>SREX Hard Talk - Chairperson: Flora Mokgohloa</p> <p>Setting the scene:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Extreme events, livelihoods, infrastructures and socio-economics – Rudzani Malala – Sustainable development and resilience in Cities – Dorah Nteo <p>Plenary discussions: Chaired debate on key questions raised by SREX: the purpose of this session is to establish where is there is hard evidence vs anecdotal information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Disasters are predominantly caused by skewed development – Disaster risk reduction must be a cornerstone of national economic and social policy – What does it mean for region x now we know that there is an human imprint on some disasters? – What more needs to be done to avoid the collapse of the humanitarian system? – How to create more synergy between disaster risk reduction and climate change? – What are the conflicts of interest, with adaptation, DRR and sustainable development being highly political issues? <p>Panel Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Energy and Infrastructure – Lwandle Mqadi – Rural Development: - Enoch Mhlanga – Youth perspective– Lydia Mogano – Community perspective – Nondumiso Khumalo
10:30 – 11:00	Tea/Coffee Break
11: 00 -12:00	<p>Policy and Practice Forum- Chairperson: Vhalinavho Khavhagali</p> <p>The purpose of this session is for a number of short presentations to be made by representatives of various sectors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – National Climate Change Response Policy - DDG: Judy Beaumont – National Systems for Monitoring and Evaluation - Brian Mantlana – National Early Warning Systems- SA Weather Services- Eugene Poolman – National Disaster Management Centre (NDMC) – Ken Terry – SA Science Service Centre for CC and Adaptive Land Use – Luthando Dziba – Long Term Adaptation Scenarios (LTAS) - Guy Midgley – Applied Center for Climate & Earth Systems Science (ACCESS)– Neville Sweijd <p>Discussions:</p>

12:00- 13:00	<p>Science to Action – current practice and future needs- Chairperson: Brenda Martin</p> <p>In this session various activities and experiences related to climate change and disasters will be shared in short presentations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – National Business Initiatives – Joanne Yawitch – Risk and Vulnerability Atlas: CSIR- Julia Mambo – NGOs (Conservation South Africa, Adaptation Network) – Nondumiso Khumalo – Key Private Sector Initiative - Siven Naidoo – Insurance Association - Debbie Donaldson
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:00	<p>Policy Practice to Action – Future engagements- Chairperson: DDG: Judy Beaumont</p> <p>This session will involve a brainstorming and mapping of possible future actions that could begin to be nurtured. There will be four working groups – each one addressing a question below</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – How to enhance social, economic and environmental sustainability through disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation? – How to increase access to information, technology, resources and capacity? – How to create synergies across temporal and special scales? – How to reassess what is needed in institutions and investments?
15:00-15:30	<p>Closing remarks and thanks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Chris Field Chris Field - IPCC – Øyvind Christophersen -Norwegian Environment Agency – Shonisani Munzhedzi –Department of Environmental Affairs - South Africa
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