

Session 5: Developing a National Adaptation Response

Tuesday 11 November

13h45 – 15h45

Exhibition Hall 4 Room 1

A changing climate poses severe challenges for socio-economic and ecological systems, especially in Africa – one of the most vulnerable continents to climate variability. In order for policymakers to design appropriate measures that support adaptation, there is a need to understand South Africa’s key vulnerabilities, its adaptive capacity, and adaptation options. South Africa is working towards the 2016 National Adaptation Strategy. There are two processes to achieve the strategy development processes, and these include the development of the national climate change adaptation framework in 2014/15 and development of the strategy in 2016. This process is guided by both the UNFCCC guidelines for least developed countries, and basic requirements of the country. The discussion will also look at the progress of the Durban Adaptation Charter.

Key questions:

- What are the key elements that should be addressed in South Africa’s National Adaptation Strategy?
- What governance structures need to be established or used to oversee this process, and how they should be formed?
- Who are the key role players and what is their role in this process of developing the strategy?
- What are the potential sources of information to help the country development the strategy and how do you access them?
- How should issues of uncertainty be addressed when implementing the strategy?

Contributors				
Category	Name	Surname	Organisation	Topic
Chairs	Flora	Mokgothoa	Presidency	Development of national adaptation plan
Speakers	Sibonelo	Mbanjwa	DirectorL Climate change adaptation, DEA	Developing a strategy
	Claire	Davis	Environmental Researcher, CSIR	South Africa’s Risk and Vulnerability Atlas and Handbook
	Coleen	Vogel	University of Witwatersrand	Key considerations in a national adaptation strategy
	Enoch	Mhlanga	TBC - Dept. Rural development	Impact of climate change on rural settlements.
	Penny	Price	eThekweni Municipality	Durban Adaptation Charter
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