

10th AFRICA DAY CONFERENCE

AFRICA'S ENVIRONMENTAL POLITICS: OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES, THREATS

*Co-hosted by The
Department of Political Sciences and Department of Geography*

Date: 30 May 2008

Time: 08:00- 14:00

Venue: Senate Hall, Theo van Wijk Building (2nd floor), UNISA Main Campus, Preller Street,
Muckleneuk, Pretoria

PROGRAMME

8:00 – 8:30 **Registration**

8:30 – 8:40 Official Welcome, Professor Mandla Makhanya, Pro Vice-Chancellor, University of South Africa (UNISA)

8:40-9:00 Keynote Address, The Honourable Mr Khabisi Mosunkutu, MEC for Agriculture, Conservation and the Environment, Gauteng Provincial Government



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SESSION 1

Chairperson: Ms Jo-Ansie van Wyk, Department of Political Sciences,
UNISA

9:00 – 9:15

Dr Anthony Turton, CSIR

*The Protection of Africa's Transboundary Water Resources-
Security and Political Implications*

9:15-9:30

**Dr Stefano Farolfi, Centre for Environmental Economics
and Policy in Africa (CEEPA), University of Pretoria**

*Integrated Water Resource Management in Africa: Utopia
or Realistic Goal?*

9:30-9:45

Discussion

9:45-10:15

Tea/Coffee



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SESSION 2

Chairperson: Professor Pieter Labuschagne, Department of Political Sciences, UNISA

10:15-10:30

Mr Hans-Petter Boe, Regional Representative for Southern Africa, International Organization for Migration

'Environmental Degradation and Climate Change: Forced Migration and The Security Threats Posed to and by Africa's Environmental Refugees'

10:30-10:45

Ms Joanne Yawitch, Deputy Director-General, Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, South Africa

'The Bali Climate Change Talks: Implications for South Africa and Africa'

10:45-11:00

Discussion



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SESSION 3

Chairperson: Mr Rudolph Pretorius, Department of Geography, UNISA

11:00-11:15 **Professor Patrick Bond, School of Development Studies, University of KwaZulu-Natal**

'Corporate Responsibility, Environmental Protection and Threats to Africa's Development'

11:15-11:30 **Mr Bobby Peek, groundWork, Friends of the Earth, South Africa**

'Threats to Environmental Justice in Africa in the Age of Climate Change'

11:30-11:45 Discussion

SESSION 4

Chairperson: David Hedding, Department of Geography, UNISA

11:45-12:00 **Ms Trusha Reddy, Project Head, Climate Change and the Governance of Carbon Trading Projects in Southern Africa, ISS**

'Carbon Trading-the challenges and potential pitfalls facing South Africa and the African Continent and Short DVD Presentation'



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- 12:00-12:15 **Mr Greg McManus, The Environmental Heritage Management Company, Qualitour**
- Sustainable Tourism in Africa and the impact on the Environment: Challenges, Opportunities, Threats*
- 12:15-12:30 Discussion
- SESSION 5**
- Chairperson: Dr Phil Mtimkulu, Department of Political Sciences, UNISA
- 12:30-12:45 **Dr Karsten Feuerriegel, The World Bank,- SA Resident Mission**
- 'Can Biodiversity Conservation be Pro-Poor?'*
- 12:45-13:00 **Richard Worthington, Coordinator, South African Climate Action Network (SACAN)**
- 'Africa's participation in negotiating a post-2012 global climate agreement'*
- 13:00-13:30 Discussion
- 13:30 **Concluding Remarks and Vote of Thanks by Professor Dirk Kotze, Head, Department of Political Sciences, UNISA**
- 13:45 **LUNCH**



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BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARIES OF THE SPEAKERS

The Honourable Mr Khabisi Mosunkutu, MEC for Agriculture, Conservation and Environment, Gauteng Provincial Government

Elias Khabisi Mosunkutu was born on the 11 October 1950 and grew up in Pimville Soweto. He completed his high school education at the Musi High School. After matriculation, MEC Mosunkutu studied telecommunications through the then Department of Post & Telecommunication's technical college. Subsequent to this training he joined the then Department of Post & Telecommunications as a qualified technician.

His political consciousness and the terrible working conditions under which employees of the then Department of P&T (Department of Post & Telecommunications) worked, inspired him, together with his colleagues, to form the first genuine trade union movement in the history of the Department of P&T. Prior to the formation of this trade union, workers interests were 'articulated' by management created liaison committees. Subsequent to the formation of this union, the Post & Telecommunications Workers Union (POTWA), he was elected its first secretary general.

Under his stewardship, POTWA became an affiliate of COSATU, a move that clearly set the union apart from the toothless liaison committees whose meaningless existence was encouraged by the conservative apartheid era management of the Department.

He rose through the ranks, in his employment, until he was a senior technician. His involvement in the trade union movement did not cease either. He was elected the president of the union, a position to which he repeatedly was re-elected into until he was called by the African National Congress to serve in Parliament as a Member of Parliament



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(MP). He was an MP from 1994 till 1995 when he joined the Gauteng Provincial Government as a Member of the Provincial Legislature (MPL).

Whilst still a shop steward and trade union leader, he was deployed to serve in the Board of Directors of Telkom SA, this was after the Department of P&T had been restructured and was also now under the political leadership of the first democratic dispensation.

As an MP, Mr. Mosunkutu served in the trade and industry and the telecommunications committees of parliament. As an MPL, Mr. Mosunkutu chaired the Provincial Government's Standing Committee on Public Transport, Roads and Works. He subsequently was appointed as a Member of the Executive Council (MEC) responsible for the Department of Public Transport, Roads and Works. He held this position from 1999 until 2004. It is during this period that he earned himself the 'Shisa Mpama'. The name reputedly arises from the fact that was known to brook no nonsense from unruly taxi operators. Many such operators faced 'dry' periods when they could not eke a living as taxi operators. This would usually be because he had clamped down hard on unruliness and downright criminality. These were times when extra-ordinary measures were required to deal with criminal elements in the taxi industry who were bent on turning taxi ranks and routes into veritable killing fields.

MEC Mosunkutu was later to serve as the Gauteng MEC for Agriculture, Conservation and Environment, a position he still holds.

Professor Patrick Bond, School of Development Studies, University of KwaZulu-Natal

Patrick Bond, a political economist, is research professor at the University Of KwaZulu-Natal School Of Development Studies where he directs the Centre for Civil Society (<http://www.ukzn.ac.za/ccs>). His training was in economic geography at Johns Hopkins, finance at the University of Pennsylvania and economics at Swarthmore College. Patrick's recent authored and edited books include Climate Change, Carbon Trading and Civil Society (UKZN Press and Rozenberg Publishers, 2008); The Accumulation of Capital in Southern Africa (Rosa



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Luxemburg Foundation, 2007); Looting Africa: The Economics of Exploitation (Zed Books and UKZN Press, 2006), Talk Left, Walk Right: South Africa's Frustrated Global Reforms (UKZN Press, 2006); Elite Transition: From Apartheid to Neoliberalism in South Africa (UKZN Press, 2005); Fanon's Warning: A Civil Society Reader on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (Africa World Press, 2005); and Against Global Apartheid: South Africa meets the World Bank, IMF and International Finance (Zed Books and University of Cape Town Press, 2003). He was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland in 1961.

Dr Stefano Farolfi, CEEPA, University of Pretoria

Dr. Stefano Farolfi is a CIRAD senior researcher in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics. He currently holds a fellowship at the Centre for Environmental Economics and Policy in Africa (CEEPA) and teaches natural resource economics at the University of Pretoria. Dr. Farolfi coordinates a team of 10 CIRAD researchers based in South Africa. With more than 10 years of experience in water economics and governance, he is currently leading several research projects and is a member of the external advisory board of the Water Research Commission of South Africa. Dr. Farolfi has published more than 50 internationally refereed research contributions, including scientific articles and books, and serves as a member of the editorial board of numerous scientific journals on resource and water management.

Dr Karsten Feuerriegel, The World Bank, South Africa Resident Mission

Dr Karsten Feuerriegel is the Senior Natural Resource Management Specialist in the Sustainable Development Department/Africa Team Environment & Natural Resource Management division at The World Bank South African Resident Mission. Since 1991, Dr Feuerriegel has been working in Sub-Saharan Africa as the technical adviser, coordinator and NRM-specialist for various bi- and multilateral development organizations with a focus on community-based development. Currently, Dr Feuerriegel is seconded to the World Bank by



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the German Development Service and is working for various development projects in southern Africa funded by the Global Environmental Facility.

Mr Bobby Peek, groundWork, Friends of the Earth, South Africa

Bobby Peek is Director and co-founder of groundWork, Friends of the Earth, South Africa an environmental justice and human rights NGO based in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. groundWork promotes human rights and environmental justice, through community driven action. Bobby has worked on a wide range of community based anti toxics projects, and has produced numerous reports, articles, lectures and presentations on environmental justice campaigning, particularly related to community environmental justice organising. groundWork works extensively in South and Southern Africa on monitoring corporate activities, oil, air quality, climate change and waste.

Bobby's passion for social justice and environmental sustainability is fueled from his experience of growing up in the apartheid-created township of Wentworth, in south Durban which is situated amongst highly polluting oil refineries, chemical industries, toxic waste dumps, a pulp mill, which are owned by MNC's and an international airport. In Wentworth, Bobby has lost several of his family and friends to cancer related illnesses. Bobby's work in South Durban received recognition in 1998, when he was awarded the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize for Africa.

Mr Hans-Petter Boe, IOM Regional Representative, Southern Africa

Mr Boe, a Norwegian national, studied Law at the University of Oslo. He joined IOM in 1976 and worked for six years in Thailand, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Japan during the Indochina Boat Refugee crisis.



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From 1983 to 1993, he had several functions related to humanitarian migration – refugees and asylum seekers in Europe in IOM Headquarters (Geneva), and was often on IOM delegations to UN governing bodies and the Human Rights Commission. Toward the end of this period he was the Deputy Head, Bureau for Europe and North America, and also served a year (1990-91) in Moscow, USSR. From 1993 to 1999 he was the IOM Representative in Washington DC, which also had him frequently visit Canada, the Caribbean and Central America. (During his time there, IOM Washington was also active in recruiting highly skilled Africans for return to their countries of origin.)

Following his posting in Washington he was Head of the IOM Emergency and Post-conflict Unit in Geneva, which saw him work on humanitarian situations in East Timor, Sierra Leone, Guinea-Conakry, Angola and Zimbabwe. He was again frequently representing IOM at UN meetings in Geneva. He was designated as Regional Representative in September, 2002, and as such covers 15 countries in Southern Africa, where IOM has important programmes on capacity building on migration management, counter-trafficking, HIV/AIDS and Migration, migration diplomacy through the MIDSA Process, and IOM assistance to refugees and internally displaced persons (IDP). IOM's Regional Office in Pretoria interacts with individual Governments, the UN agencies, SADC, NEPAD/AU, and Civil Society.

Dr Anthony Turton, Research Leader, Water Resources Governance Systems, CSIR

A political scientist with 20 years of strategic-level experience, Anthony Turton specialises in transboundary water resource management including the support to negotiations between Governments and other role-players in international river basins. He has published widely on the subject of transboundary river basin management. Currently he is focussing on water and the mining industry as a sub-national transboundary issue of strategic significance in a water-constrained region with a strong mining economy. He has extensive experience in strategic planning in situations of high conflict specifically with a view to mitigating that conflict and moving towards a posture of peace. Linked with this is his ability to develop accurate strategic-level forecasting to guide decision-making under conditions of political



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uncertainty, and thereby reduce risk. He has experience in the management of the process of political transformation including the development of adaptive strategies, institutional dynamics and the inculcation of a changed corporate culture. He was responsible for managing the strategic alliance between ARCUS GIBB and the Southern Education and Research Alliance (SERA) (consisting of the CSIR and the University of Pretoria). He is a founding member of the Universities Partnership for Transboundary Waters (UPTW) and the former President. He is the alternative representative of the CSIR on the Board of Governors of the World Water Council (WWC); is an Executive Director of the International Water Resources Association (IWRA) (2007-2009); and serves on the scientific committee of UNESCO IHP 6. He serves as an Editor of Water Policy (the official journal of the WWC); Water International (the official journal of the IWRA); and on the Editorial Board of the International Journal of Water Resources Development; Water Alternatives; and Springer-Verlag, a German-based text-book publisher.

Ms Joanne Yawitch, Deputy Director-General, Branch: Environmental Quality and Protection, Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, South Africa

Ms Joanne Yawitch is currently Deputy Director-General Environmental Quality and Protection at the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism. She is responsible for Air Quality and Climate Change Issues, Pollution and Waste Management, Environmental Law Enforcement and Environmental Impact Management. Prior to this she was Chief Director for Sustainable Use of the Environment at the Gauteng Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Environment. From 1994 to 1997 Ms Yawitch was special adviser to the Minister of Land Affairs. Ms Yawitch holds a Masters Degree in Development Studies and also an MSc in Agricultural Development.



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Mr Greg McManus, Managing Director, Qualitour (Pty) Ltd

Greg McManus has been involved in the tourism industry for the past 25 years. Having trained at the Carlton Hotel in Johannesburg and held positions with a number of prestigious group properties, he became a hotel inspector with the former Satour before being appointed Director of Standards in 1992. He was responsible for the development and management of the first voluntary Star-grading programme in South Africa before starting his own company in 1996.

Qualitour is southern Africa's only tourism quality assurance management company and it provides a number of consulting and developmental programmes for the tourism sector. Qualitours' clients have included national and international companies and organisations including the WTO, Namibian Tourist Board and the Hospitality Association of Zimbabwe. His company launched the Diamond Rating Programme in 1997 to recognise establishments that offered world-class standards of service and hospitality, and in 2002, shortly before the World Summit in Johannesburg, it launched the Heritage Environmental Rating Programme.

The Heritage Environmental Rating Programme is southern Africa's only tourism-based environmental management system designed to address and manage the environmental impacts of the industry. The programme has been adopted by 85 hotels across the region with Sun International Resorts, Three Cities Hotels and Legacy Hotels providing significant support. The World Tourism Organisation has registered Greg McManus as a specialist in the field of tourism quality management systems and the Heritage Programme has received official recognition from the WTO. The Heritage programme has also been adopted by the Endangered Wildlife Trust and by Fedhasa as the hospitality industry's environmental initiative.



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His in-depth knowledge of the South African tourism market is acknowledged and he has been actively involved in tourism-based research and projects for a number of respected companies and organisations including Gauteng Tourism; TUKS Dept of Tourism Studies; UNISA and others. His company writes and produces the only travel and accommodation guide for environmentally aware travellers and he has contributed articles and written a number of tourism papers for respected journals and publications over the past decade.

Ms Trusha Reddy, Project Head, Climate Change and the Governance of Carbon Trading Projects in Southern Africa, The Corruption and Governance Programme, Institute for Security Studies

Trusha Reddy joined the ISS Cape Town office in March 2006 as researcher in the corruption and governance programme. She holds a Masters Degree in International Politics from the University of KwaZulu Natal (UKZN) with a thesis focus on NGOs and a Bachelor of Journalism (BJRN) from Rhodes University. She has worked as a lecturer at UKZN for almost two and a half years. She has also undertaken two visiting researcher fellowships; one at the Centre for Civil Society, UKZN and another at the New School for Social Research in NYC, USA. Her work and interest have revolved around civil society social justice issues and the environment.

Mr Richard Worthington, South African Climate Action Network (SACAN)

Richard Worthington matriculated at St Andrew's School, Bloemfontein, in 1984 was awarded a B.A. degree by the University of the Witwatersrand and in 2006 received a BSc Honours (cum laude) in Energy Studies at the University of Johannesburg.

Richard is the Manager: **Climate Change Programme at WWF-SA** as of May 2008, with tasks including building up a team and developing a South African role in the 'New Global Deal' Network Initiative, a key focus under reorganization of the work of WWF internationally.



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For the previous seven and a half years Richard was the Project Co-ordinator of the Sustainable Energy and Climate Change Project (SECCP) a project of Earthlife Africa Johannesburg, a voluntary, non-government organisation working on environmental and social justice issues at various levels, from policy formulation to direct action, since 1988. The project aims, through a combination of awareness-raising, research, advocacy and local and international networking, to mobilize civil society for support of a more sustainable energy development path and responsible climate change policies in South and Southern Africa.

Richard serves as Co-ordinator of the South African Climate Action Network (SACAN) and was a member of the Board of the global Climate Action Network (CAN) from 2002 – 2007. He is also a member of the Greenhouse People's Environmental Centre - a project initiated by ELA Jhb and now a section 21 company. He was named Energy Personality of the Year in 2002 by the Sustainable Energy Society of South Africa (SESSA).



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