

PRACTISING THE CRAFT: WRITING ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE & GLOBAL WARMING

21-24 July 2008, Old Mutual Conference Centre, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, Newlands, South Africa.

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P R O G R A M M E

Monday, 21 July 2008

(2:00pm Opening Musical Rehearsal)

(3:00pm Registration opening)

5:00pm

Opening by **Mr. Marthinus van Schalkwyk**, Minister of Environment Affairs & Tourism & **Ms. Tasneem Essop**, MEC Environment, Planning and Economic Development (Western Cape).

Chair of Session: **Dr. Wilmot James**, Fynbos Foundation.

5:40pm

Musical interlude and official opening ceremony.

6:00pm

Climate Change in Africa by **Dr. Richard Washington**, Oxford University.

Chair of Session: **Dr. Mamphela Ramphele**, Circle Capital Ventures.

7:00pm: Cocktails and refreshments.

Tuesday, 22 July 2008

9:00am

Vulnerability of biodiversity and ecosystems to climate change by **Dr. Phoebe Barnard**, South African National Biodiversity Institute.

Chair of Session: **Dr. Wilmot James**.

Lead-in Discussant: **Ms. Paula Fray**, Nieman Fellow Class of 2000.

10:00am

Climate Change & Food Security in Africa by **Dr. Gina Ziervogel**, University of Cape Town with **Ms. Leonie Joubert**, freelance journalist and author.

Chair of Session: **Professor Russel Botman**, University of Stellenbosch.

Lead-in Discussant: **Mr. Munyaradzi Saruchera**, Sustainability Institute.

11:00am TEA/COFFEE BREAK

11:30am

Climate Change & Infectious Disease by **Professor Onesmo ole-MoiYoi**, International Centre for Insect Physiology & Ecology, Kenya.

Chair of Session: **Professor Raj Ramesar**, University of Cape Town.

Lead-in Discussant: Ms. Sue Valentine, Nieman Fellow Class of 2003.

12:30pm BUFFET LUNCH AT SILVERTREE

2:00pm

Is green business good business? Business investments in a sustainable future by Mr. Andre Fourie, National Business Initiative & Dr. Malcolm McCulloch, Oxford University.

Chair of Session: Professor Mark Swilling, University of Stellenbosch.

Lead-in Discussants: Dr. Heather Sherwin, Bioventures & the Africa Healthcare Fund & Mr. Hugh Tyrrell, Green Edge.

3:30pm TEA/COFFEE BREAK

4:00pm

Practising the Craft: A conversation with writers about Climate Change.

Chair of Session: Mr. Simon Gear, Primedia Broadcasting.

Panelists: Mr. David Parry-Davies, The Enviropaedia.

Ms. Olivia Rose-Innes, Health24.com.

Ms. Jo-Anne Smetherham, Journalist

Ms. Sally Andrew, Author.

Wednesday, 23 July 2008

9:00am

Reflections on a decade of environmental policy-making by Mr. Valli Moosa, President of The International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources.

Chair of Session: Dr. Morne du Plessis, World Wide Fund For Nature- South Africa.

Lead-in Discussant: Councillor Marian Nieuwoudt, City of Cape Town, Mayoral Committee Member for Planning and Environment.

10:00am

Regional & City Practices, the World Cup and the World of Environmental Policy by Ms. Tasneem Essop.

Chair of Session: Mr. Valli Moosa.

Lead-in Discussant: Mr. Saliem Fakir, University of Stellenbosch.

11:00 TEA/COFFEE BREAK

11:30am

Communicating Climate Change by Mr. Robert Zipplies, Corporate Sustainability Consultant & Dr. Janice Golding, Oxford University.

Chair of Session: Professor Richard Calland, University of Cape Town.

Lead-in Discussant: Ms. Elsabe Brits, *Die Burger*.

12:30pm BUFFET LUNCH AT SILVERTREE

2:00pm

Climate Risk Management by Dr. Ailsa Holloway, University of Cape Town.

Chair of Session: Dr. Amy Spriggs, Climate Action Partnership.

Lead-in Discussant: Ms. Val Charlton, National Advocacy Manager, Working on Fire

3:00pm

Climate Change and South Africa's Rural Areas by Mr. Peter Johnston, University Cape Town.

Chair of Session: Dr. Guy Preston, Chairperson of The Working for Water Programme.

Lead-in Discussant: Dr. Katharine Vincent, Witwatersrand University.

4:00pm TEA/COFFEE BREAK

4:30pm

Practising the Craft: Reflections on the day's issues.

Chair of Session: Ms. Anthea Torr, Biophile

Panelists: Mr. George Claassen, *Die Burger*.

Ms. Elise Tempelhoff, *BEELD*.

Ms. Leonie Joubert, Journalist.

Mr. Claudio Angelo, Folha de Sao Paulo.

Thursday, 24 July 2008

9:00am

Sources of Energy including alternatives by Mr. Deon James, Dagupan Electric, Philippines & Mr. S.P.Gon Chaudhuri, Solar Energy Society of India.

Chair of Session: Mr. Hermann Oelsner, Oelsner Group.

Lead-in Discussant: Mr. Glynn Morris, AGAMA Energy Group.

10:30am

Emissions by Mr. Randall Spalding-Fecher, Economic & Carbon Project (ECON).

Chair of Session: Ms. Brenda Martin, Director of Project 90 by 2030.

Lead-in Discussant: Mr. Stefan Raubenheimer, South South North Company.

11:30am TEA/COFFEE BREAK

12:00pm

Climate Change: What do we do next? by Professor Bruce Hewitson, University of Cape Town.

Chair of Session: Dr. Wilmot James.

1:00pm

The Last Word: Reflections on the Conference.

Chair of Session: Mr. Tony Weaver/ Mr. Mike Stent, The Cape Times.

Panelists: Ms. Anthea Torr, Biophile.

Ms. Sarah Borchert, Africa Geographic.

Ms. Monica Graaf, MindShift Magazine.

Mr. Claudio Angelo, Folha de Sao Paulo.

2:00pm CLOSE - BUFFET LUNCH AT SILVERTREE RESTAURANT