



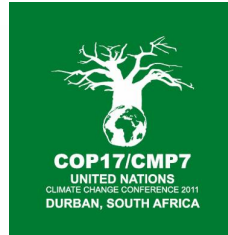
Global Framework for Climate Services



South African  
Weather Service



UN SYSTEM  
DELIVERING AS ONE ON  
CLIMATE KNOWLEDGE



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## UNFCCC COP 17

Improving livelihoods in Africa through the Implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS)

Durban, South Africa, 3 December 2011

Venue: Climate Change Response Expo (CCR Expo), Networking Marquee

## PROGRAMME



### Vision

*Critical sectors for the development of Africa are particularly sensitive to weather and climate variability and change. Poverty reduction and other development targets are at risk as rural food production and food security, disaster risk reduction, health epidemics, access to water, energy, tourism, etc., in many countries are dominated by weather and climate. For Africa, climate services are critical as they can help in avoiding and managing climatic risk in these sectors, and in taking advantage of climate opportunities to increase productivity and promote sustainable development.*

*However, as highlighted by the report of the High-level Taskforce on GFCS there is a significant gap between the needs for climate services and their current provision, particularly in Africa. Present capabilities to provide climate services do not exploit all that we know about climate, fall far short of meeting present and future needs, and are not delivering their full potential benefits. Furthermore, existing climate services are not well focused on user needs across sectors and the level of interaction among providers and various users is inadequate. This side event, organized by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the South African Weather Service will provide information on the benefits and progress being made in the development of an Implementation Plan for the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS).*

## PROGRAMME

Meeting Chairs: Honorable Edna Molewa, Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs,  
South Africa

3 December 2011, 12:30 – 14:30

### SESSION I: OPENING SESSION

**1230 hrs** Opening Remarks  
*Honorable Edna Molewa, Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, South Africa*  
*Mr. Michel Jarraud, Secretary General, WMO*

### SESSION II: Background and Examples on the GFCS

**1250 hrs** Climate variability and change and its impacts in Africa: The need for Climate Services  
*Prof. Bruce Hewiston, University of Cape Town*

**1310 hrs** Challenges climate variability and change impose on indigenous Peoples of Africa  
*Ms. Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, Executive Committee Member of Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee (IPACC) & Coordinator/Director of Bororo nomadic peoples association of Chad*

**1330 hrs** Linkages and contribution of AMCOMET to the Global Framework for Climate Services  
*Honourable John Michuki, Minister of Environment and Mineral Resources, Kenya*

### SESSION III: Panel Discussion: Challenges imposed by Climate Variability and Change on African Communities and opportunities through initiatives such as the GFCS

**1350 hrs** Panel Discussion:

- *Honourable John Michuki, Minister of Environment and Mineral Resources, Kenya*
- *Mr. Michel Jarraud, Secretary General, WMO*
- *Dr. Mohmoud Abu-Zeid, President of Arab Water Council and Member of the High-level Taskforce on the GFCS (TBC)*
- *Ms. Hindou Oumarou Ibrahim, Executive Committee Member of Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee (IPACC) & Coordinator/Director of Bororo nomadic peoples association of Chad*
- *Prof. Bruce Hewiston, Univeristy of Cape Town*
- *Prof. Laban Ogalo, ICPAC*

**1420 hrs** Closing Remarks  
*Dr. Linda Makuleni, CEO SAWS*

**1430 hrs** Session closure

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