

Rio Conventions Pavilion @ UNFCCC COP17 Programme*
Phongola Room - Forest Mahogany Marquee (in front of UN Registration/Security)
Climate Change Response and Expo
101 Bram Fischer Rd, Durban 4001, South Africa

Date	Session Description	Organization
Tue 29 Nov	Indigenous Peoples and Local Knowledge/Opening session	
10:00-12:00	Indigenous Peoples: Key proposals for mitigation and adaptation actions based on the sustainable use and management of their land, territories and resources	Conservation Intl.
13:30-15:00	Taking Community Voices to COP17 through the medium of Photo Stories and Theatre	DEA/Resource Africa
15:30-17:00	Outcomes of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Agency, International Student Conference on Climate Change and Indigenous Knowledge Systems	DEA/DST
17:30-20:00	Pavilion Opening Event: Introduction to the Rio Conventions Pavilion program in Durban, with high level statement on importance of synergies <i>Chair: Mr Mketeni DEA DDG B&C</i> <i>Key note: Minister DST opening</i> Followed by evening welcome reception	DEA, Pavilion Partners
Wed 30 Nov	Theme: Gender and the Rio Conventions	
tbc	Gender Mainstreaming in the Rio Conventions	Rio Conventions
tbc	Gender High-Level segment	DEA
15:30-17:00	Gender and the Art of Implementation <i>Let the audience ask: An interactive learning session on practical experiences on the ground by expert</i>	IUCN
18:30-19:30	One World: the Musical <i>Educating children and adults about the impacts of climate change</i>	Responding to Climate Change
Thu 1 Dec	Theme: REDD+	
10:00–12:00	Building Capacities for REDD+	UN-REDD, UNDP, IUCN
13:30-17:00	Global Partnership on Forest and Landscape Restoration – Restoring 150 million hectares by 2020 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13:30 – 15:00: <i>A World of Opportunity – The nature and scale of the opportunity and the benefits of landscape restoration</i> 15:30 – 17:00: <i>Practical tools and approaches for turning forgotten acres into benefits</i> 	IUCN,GPFLR
17:30-19:30	Biocultural protocols: Safeguards lessons for REDD+ from the CBD	Natural Justice/IPACC
Fri 2 Dec	Theme: Adaptation	
9:00-12:30	Ecosystem-Based Adaptation in Mountain Regions	UNDP/UNEP/IUCN
13:30-15:00	EBA as a key component of SA government Climate change response <i>Key note speaker: Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform</i>	DEA/SANBI
15:30-17:00	Landscape Approach to Adaptation	DEA/SANBI
17:30-19:30	Connect4Climate: Smart-Crowding 4 Climate Change 2.0 <i>An open discussion on climate change communications and strategies, successes, and challenges of using social media to drive grassroots participation. Refreshments served.</i>	Connect4Climate
Sat 3 Dec	Theme: Adaptation	
10:00-12:00	Ecosystem-based Adaptation: Lessons learnt from islands' experience and proposing EbA guidelines	IUCN/EC/GLISPA
12:00-13:30	Pacific Voyage to Climate Change Adaptation <i>Showcasing successes, lessons learnt and future plans for the Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change (PACC) Project</i>	SPREP
13:30-15:30	Exploring the Synergies between Ecosystem and Community based Adaptation: <i>Presenting a common conceptual framework and illustrative case studies that help to integrate effectively Ecosystem and Community based Adaptation</i>	ELAN
15:30-17:30	Practical design and implementation of joint ecosystem and community based adaptation strategies at sub-national levels in Least Developed Countries and Small Island States	The Nature Conservancy

Sat 3 Dec	Oceans Day (Separate venue, room tbc)	
10:00 – 17:45	Oceans Day will raise awareness of the central role of oceans in global climate processes. This day will address the support the development of a coastal and ocean caucus of countries in efforts to bring the ocean and coasts issues into the various UNFCCC negotiations on mitigation, adaptation, financing, and capacity development/technology transfer; and mobilize to advance oceans and climate issues in the UNFCCC, Rio+20, and other relevant fora. Featuring talks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deputy Minister Mrs. Rejoice Mabudafhasi, Department of Environmental Affairs and Fisheries, South Africa • Dr. Biliana Cicin-Sain, President, Global Ocean Forum • Dr. Wendy Watson-Wright, Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO 18:15 Cocktail Event	South Africa/DEA Global Ocean Forum IOC-UNESCO GEF UNDP/UNEP African LME projects
Sun 4 Dec	Forest Day 5 (at the Olive Convention Centre) http://www.forestsclimatechange.org/events/forest-day/forest-day-5.html	
Mon 5 Dec	Theme: Climate Smart Cities: Local Governments Planning for Nature	
10:00-12:00	Climate Smart Cities: Synergies of Adaptation and Mitigation <i>How adaptation and mitigation are aligned within a local context, followed by café-style discussions, and culminating in a report back and key ideas.</i>	ICLEI DEA/South Africa TCPA
12:30-14:00	Cities as Green Economic Drivers: Ecosystem Services for Climate Smart Cities <i>Examples in cities followed by mini-workshop sessions in smaller groups</i>	
14:30-16:00	Cities Becoming Productive Producers: panel debate and audience Q&A	
16:30-18:30	Happy Cities: Reception Event	
Tue 6 Dec	Land Day 5: Achieving Zero Net Land Degradation: Impacts on Climate Change Issues	
09:00-10:00	Registration	
10:00-11:15	Opening & Keynote Address	DEA/UNCCD/ ICRAF
11:15-13:00	Panel 1: Can the world afford not to go land degradation neutral?	
15:00-15:40	Panel 2: How will land degradation neutrality impact climate change issues such as adaptation, mitigation, and resilience building?	
15:50-17:30	Panel 3: Potential contribution of 'zero net land degradation target' in driving the synergy agenda at all levels: best practices and successful case studies	
17:30-18:00	Summary and Closing	
18:00-19:00	Evening Reception with UNCCD Drylands Ambassador and South African Gospel Star, Deborah Fraser	
Wed 7 Dec	Theme: Business, Economics and Synergies	
8:30-10:00	Business Engagement in the Rio Conventions – Breakfast event	CBD (D. Steuerman)
10:00-11:30	Managing Coastal Ecosystems for Climate Mitigation	IUCN (D. Herr)
12:30-15:00	Biodiversity, Climate Change, and Sustainable Development: Harnessing Synergies for Premiums <i>A Pathway from Durban, to Rio and India: leaping forward towards increasing synergies between the three Major Global Environmental Agendas (Climate Change, Sustainable Development and Biodiversity)</i>	VIP Lounge (one floor above the restaurants)
15:30-17:00	Integrated economic assessment – Unlocking the investment potential of land resources and ecosystem services	The Global Mechanism
17:15-18:45	Innovative Financing	DEA/National Treasury
Thu 8 Dec	Protected Areas/Closing Event	
10:00-12:00	CSOs for Land Restoration: A land degradation neutral green economy <i>The potential for restoration through sustainable land management techniques</i>	UNDDD/IATF
12:30-16:30	Protected Areas: Nature's Response to Climate Change <i>An event to discuss transfrontier conservation areas, World Heritage Sites, and the economics of protected areas</i>	DEA/SANPARKS MDTP
18:00-20:00	Rio Conventions Pavilion Closing Event: Looking Forward to Rio+20 <i>Lessons learnt and next steps for Rio +20, followed by a cocktail reception</i>	Amanzimtoti room (two doors down from the Phongola room)