



Regional Workshop on Human
Dimensions of Global
Environmental Change
Research - Southern Africa,
*13-15 September 2004, Richards
Bay, SOUTH AFRICA*



Workshop Announcement

The International Human Dimensions Programme on Global Environmental Change (IHDP) and the National Research Foundation of South Africa (NRF) are organizing a Workshop on Human Dimensions of Global Environmental Change Research - Southern Africa.

The workshop objectives include:

- (i) To present research findings on topics related to Global Environmental Change including work on coupled human-environment interactions
- (ii) To compare approaches and research methodologies on human dimensions of global environmental change research in southern Africa.
- (iii) To assess the organization, coordination, gaps and needs for improvement in human dimensions research in South Africa
- (iv) To facilitate the establishment of an IHDP National Committee/Network for South Africa with a view to making this a regional initiative.
- (v) To promote collaboration, partnerships and communication of IHDP related research and identification of mechanisms to begin IHDP South African communication
- (vi) To identify future research and preliminary preparation of proposals for submission to funders.

The workshop themes will be based on societal issues of Global Environmental Change affecting Southern Africa. These will include:

- Climate and society interactions
- Poverty and human health
- Agriculture, food systems and food security
- Land use and land cover change
- Governance and GEC
- GEC and institutions
- Environmental justice and GEC

Research papers on these areas within the broad Human Dimensions research agenda are welcome. Individuals interested in participating in the workshop should submit an abstract of no more than 300 words to arrive no later than 10

August 2004. Abstract submissions should include author(s) names and affiliations and should be e-mailed as MS Word attachments to preid@telkomsa.net or lebogang.mashego@arts.monash.edu

Limited funds are available to deserving young scientists to be selected on the merit of their research. Young scientists may submit applications for funding together with the abstracts which must be accompanied by a brief curriculum vitae.

A registration fee of R250 is payable to participate in the workshop but waived for young scientists receiving funding. The workshop package for accommodation and meals is R1570 single and R1075 sharing.

The workshop venue is the Imvubu Lodge (www.imvubulodge.co.za) on the eastern seaboard in Richards Bay, about 150 km north of Durban and 15 minutes from Richards Bay Airport.

More information about the workshop may be obtained from hectorchikoore@yahoo.com