

Global Change Research Group  
DEAT/DST Science Meeting on Climate Change and Biodiversity in Africa  
17-19 October 2005



Biodiversity loss and climate change are two of the most potent challenges facing the African continent over the next century. SANBI/GCRG, in collaboration with the South African Departments of Environmental Affairs & Tourism (DEAT) and Science & Technology (DST), the U.K. Royal Society, the Natural History Museum (London), the University of the Western Cape and the University of Cape Town, South Africa, is developing a substantial input on these topics to the programme for an international scientific meeting, 17-19 October 2005, to be held at Gallagher Estate, Midrand, Pretoria, South Africa.

The meeting aims to bring together, amongst others, scientists at the cutting edge of climate change and biodiversity research in Africa and the U.K. to highlight the state of knowledge on impacts of and adaptation strategies to the climate change threat, to build networks between established and emerging professionals, and to highlight important priorities for future research and action.

The scientific meeting will be held as part of a week-long series of events for Climate Change Week (17-20 October), including a Consultative Stakeholder Conference and a meeting (in Nairobi) of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment, AMCEN. Overall organization of this week is by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, South Africa ([www.environment.gov.za](http://www.environment.gov.za)).

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