

Circular 5, 2014 – April 15th

Dear Member Vice Chancellors,

We look forward to seeing you at our Leadership Dialogue for VCs and DVCs on **Climate Compatible Development**.

This Circular provides you with an updated conference programme. **Guy Midgley** is our Key Note speaker. We will also be joining via video link to international speakers **Mark Stafford Smith**, Science Director, CSIRO's Climate Adaptation Flagship in Canberra, Australia and **Frans Berkhout**, Interim Director of Future Earth

Professor Guy Midgley is Professor of Botany at Stellenbosch University and a Coordinating Lead Author (CLA) of the recently released Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 5th Assessment Report, leading a chapter entitled "Adaptation opportunities, constraints, and limits." He was also CLA for the Nobel- Prize winning IPCC team on the 4th Assessment Report published in 2007, in which he led a chapter on global ecosystem impacts and adaptation. Until recently, he was Chief Director of the Climate Change and Adaptation Division at the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) and is a graduate of the Universities of Stellenbosch, Cape Town and Kwazulu-Natal. Prof Midgley was co-leader of preparatory work for South Africa's 2nd national communication to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, has supported national negotiators on climate change adaptation issues, and currently leads the research work for the national Long Term Adaptation Scenarios planning process. He has worked internationally in Chile, Australia, USA, Germany, France, Botswana and Namibia, collaborating with scientists on global change research and has authored more than 150 publications, including in Nature, Science and Global Change Biology.

Costs and Travel

1. **Sponsorship provides for 2 NIGHTS accommodation for the Vice Chancellor of each institution or one person delegated by the VC. Please let me know if you would like to stay for the nights of Sunday and Monday [May 4th & 5th] or for the nights of Monday and Tuesday [May 5th & 6th].**
2. The second and further delegates of SARUA member institutions may attend the **conference** FOR FREE but will need to make their own accommodation arrangements.
3. Non-members may attend the conference for R7500 for both days. Please make your own accommodation arrangements.
4. Information on the Spier conference centre can be found on their website: www.spier.co.za and direct contact can be made with Spier at conference@spier.co.za or **+27 (0) 21 809 1100**
5. *All delegates are responsible for their own travel to the conference centre. A map is provided on the Spier website under 'Contact Us' at the Top of the Home page.*
6. **You can catch a taxi from the airport to Spier conference Centre for approximately R200 per person per trip. Depending on its availability, you can be fetched by the Spier Shuttle for R170 per person. For this please phone +27 21 809 1935.**
7. Spier provides each resident with a R100 per day free Wi-Fi voucher that can be used in the bedrooms. There is no Wi-Fi in the conference centre.
8. The average maximum daily temperature for May in Stellenbosch is 22 °C and the minimum is 9°C.

See you soon!

Catherine Hunter

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PROGRAMME DAY 1: 5 MAY 2014

Time	Activities
10h30 – 11h00	Coffee and tea
11h00 – 11h30	<p>WELCOME AND OPENING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof Primrose Kurasha, Chairperson: SARUA <p>INTRODUCTORY REMARKS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Piyushi Kotecha, Chief Executive Officer: SARUA
11h30 – 11h45	<p>SARUA MAPPING STUDY AND PROGRAMME OVERVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Botha Kruger, Director: Higher Education Management Africa
11h45 – 12h30	<p>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof Guy Midgley, Co-Author: Working Group II contribution to the IPCC 5th Assessment Report (AR5), <i>Climate Change 2014: Impacts, Adaptation, and Vulnerability</i> <p>Facilitated discussion</p>
12h30 – 13h30	Lunch
13h30 – 15h00	<p>PRESENTATION OF MAPPING STUDY NEEDS ANALYSIS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Penny Urquhart, Independent Climate Change Expert & Co-Author: Working Group II contribution to the IPCC 5th Assessment Report (AR5) <p>Facilitated Discussion</p> <p>PRESENTATION OF MAPPING STUDY INSTITUTIONAL ASSESSMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof Heila Lotz-Sisitka, Director: Environmental Learning Research Centre, Rhodes University <p>Facilitated Discussion</p>
15h00 – 15h30	Coffee / tea
15h45 – 17h00	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION: MAPPING STUDY FINDINGS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR UNIVERSITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof Pius Yanda, University of Dar Es Salaam Prof Coleen Vogel, University of Pretoria Prof Heila Lotz-Sisitka, Rhodes University
17h00 – 17h30	<p>OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION: THE SARUA PROGRAMME AND FUTURE EARTH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof Mark New, Pro Vice-Chancellor: University of Cape Town
17H30 – 17H45	<p>SUMMARY OF DAY 1 AND CLOSURE</p> <p>Facilitated discussion</p>
19h00	Dinner

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PROGRAMME DAY 2: 6 MAY 2014

Time	Activities
08h00 – 08h30	Coffee and tea
08h30 – 09h00	RECAP OF DAY 1 Facilitated discussion
09h00 – 09h45	VIDEO LINK-UP: INTRODUCTION TO FUTURE EARTH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark Stafford Smith, Science Director, CSIRO's Climate Adaptation Flagship in Canberra, Australia Frans Berkhout, Interim Director of Future Earth Facilitated discussion
09h45 – 10h30	CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAMME ROADMAP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 2: Transformation and Network definition Phase 3: Network development and implementation Research themes and network definition process (2014) Key roles and responsibilities policy outreach, higher education policy & strategy Expression of Interest (EOI) process (2014 – 2015) Opportunities for university participation Presentation and Facilitated discussion
10h30 – 11h00	Coffee and tea
11h00 – 11h30	CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAMME DISSEMINATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key programme outputs and communications approach Online publication and directory of expertise Facilitated discussion
11h30 – 12h15	HOW TO BECOME A NETWORK PARTNER: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST STAGE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timelines and approach Network initiation and configuration – key steps and university participation requirements Research theme finalisation process Benefits of participation Network roles and responsibilities Facilitated discussion
12h15 – 12h45	FUNDRAISING PATHWAY Facilitated discussion
12h45 – 13h00	CONFIRMATION OF NEXT STEPS AND CLOSURE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Piyushi Kotecha, Chief Executive Officer: SARUA
13h00 – 14h00	Lunch