

MEDIA ADVISORY

ATTENTION: EDITORS, PRODUCERS, EDUCATIONAL REPORTERS
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“Let’s Face Climate Change Together”

The University of South Africa (UNISA) in cooperation with German Embassy is hosting an interactive panel discussion on the road ahead in climate policy. *Join the debate with WWF, GIZ, CSIR and UNISA!*

In 2017 the world is witnessing major steps in international climate policy: While the United States of America intend to withdraw from the Paris Agreement, the G20 states, among them South Africa and Germany, signed a climate action plan during their summit this year in Germany to follow up on their Paris commitments with even more perseverance than before. In November, delegates from 197 countries are gathering in the German City of Bonn for the 23rd UN Climate Change Conference (COP23) to negotiate the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

Governments around the world are facing the double imperatives of fostering sustainable development and economic growth while combating climate change at the same time. South Africa and Germany have been cooperating closely to tackle these challenges. In many ways, both countries face the same questions: How can we mitigate and adapt to climate change? How can we boost economic growth while reducing greenhouse gas emissions? In addition, how can we cooperate even closer to turn our Paris commitments into reality?

In the context of COP23 and its framework of the G20 Presidency, Germany in partnership with UNISA, wish to contribute to the global conversation on the road ahead in climate policy.

The conversation will be chaired by Dr. Philani Mthembu, Executive Director: Institute for Global Dialogue, and share views with the following experts:

- Godwell Nhamo: Exxaro Chair in Business & Climate Change, UNISA
- Louise Naudé - WWF South Africa, Stephen Koopmann - CSIR Energy Centre
- Annelie Janz - Climate Support Programme, GIZ
- Dr. Bongani Chavalala – Unisa student.

The event is to take place as follow:

Date : 18th October 2017,

Time : 10:30 for 11:00 am - 12:30 pm, light lunch provided

Venue : Function Hall, 4thFloor, Kgorong Building, UNISA, Pretoria

Members of Media are invited to attend the event

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