

Invitation to COP17

Side Event EU Pavilion

“Linkages between climate change, security, vulnerability and adaptation: Examples from southern Africa”



Global security strategies will not succeed in meeting challenges related to disasters and conflicts if interdependencies not are understood and considered.

With a focus on water resources, this side event will explore dependencies between local, national and transboundary scales and how diminished capacity of governments to provide services can be a source of local conflicts.

Introductory talks by:

Lotta Andersson (SMHI and CSPR), Sara Gräslund, Malin Mobjörk (FOI), and Roland Schulze.

Panelists:

Ebenizario Chonguica	Executive Secretary, OKACOM Secretariat
Sara Gräslund	First Secretary, Embassy of Sweden in Ethiopia
David Mwaniki	Chief Executive, Global Crisis Solutions
Roland Schulze	Professor Emeritus, University KwaZulu Natal, South Africa
Andrew Takawira	Regional Project Manager, Global Water Partnership Southern Africa

Facilitators:

Karin Lexén, Swedish Water House, Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), Sweden and Björn-Ola Linnér (CSPR)

Date&Time

December 6th at 15.30-17.30

Location

EU-Pavilion, Brussels room, Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre (ICC)

Side Event organisers



Swedish Defence Research Agency (FOI) is one of the leading research institutes in the areas of defence and security. FOI's core activities are research, methodology/technology development, analyses and studies. FOI is an assignment-based authority under Swedish Ministry of Defence. Relating to climate change FOI has experiences in research and methodological development on climate change adaptation; exploring challenges from climate change on Swedish crisis management; and analysis of the security implications from climate change including the interlinkages between security, vulnerability and conflict prevention.

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Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute (SMHI) is a governmental agency under the Swedish Ministry of Environment. SMHI offers services and products that provide the society with environmental information to support decision-making in fields, including climate forecasts/projections. SMHI has a strong R&D, focused on developing services and extending them into climate time scales. Climate research is growing at SMHI and involves all of six research units at the Research Department including the Rossby Centre that is responsible for the development of regional and global climate models. Recently, SMHI also got the mission from the Ministry to act as a Swedish knowledge centre for climate change adaptation.

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Centre for Climate Science
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Centre for Climate Science and Policy Research (CSPR) is a joint venture between Linkoping University and SMHI. It is a prominent reference point for studies related to climate science and policy research. The research is interdisciplinary and puts problems related to climate change in context with other measures for sustainable development, such as limiting environmental impact and responsible management of natural resources. CSPR's mission is to develop knowledge, templates and methods for climate research in Sweden and internationally. In order to do this CSPR gathers researchers in the natural sciences, social sciences, humanities and in technology.

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