



Africans Dealing with Climate Change: Citizens Approach to COP17

Idasa, an African democracy institute, and eThekweni Municipality invite you to a conference on “Africans Dealing with Climate Change: Citizens Approach to COP17”.

Over the past ten years, Idasa has been working with citizens and smallholder farmers in more than 26 countries across Africa in projects aimed at strengthening the voice of citizens and their participation in public policy. This work supports the democratisation of governance together with citizens, governments, public institutions and regional governance structures.

Idasa’s partner, eThekweni Municipality, has been recognised as having “South Africa’s best ecosystem of local government environment projects” for its Water and Sanitation Programme. The city has also received recognition for its use of ventilated urine diversion toilets, the Providing Debt Relief Projects, its Multi-Point Plan to Address Air Quality and the Orange Bag Domestic Recycling Project. The municipality has also received recognition from the UN Public Service Awards for these projects.

The conference, which will reflect Idasa’s concerns with the question of citizen participation in democracy and governance, will address three issues strongly associated with climate change:

1. The political economy of climate change
2. Climate change governance at the local level
3. Migration and climate change

The conference will be opened by Idasa’s Executive Director Paul Graham. A highlight of the conference will be a conversation between Kumi Naidoo, International Director for Greenpeace, and Richard Calland of Idasa and the University of Cape Town.

You can take part in this crucial conference on **28 and 29 November 2011**
at **Diakonia Centre, Durban**



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