The Climate System Analysis Group (CSAG) together with Euro-Mediterranean Center for Climate Change (CMCC) is pleased to present the following side event during COP17/CMP7

**Regional information for climate services in Africa**

Saturday 3rd December
18:30-20:00
Levubu River Room, Durban Exhibition Center

Improved climate services including thoughtful assessment of uncertainties are needed to support decision makers for developing responsible adaptation strategies and promote sustainable development in Africa. This requires careful tailoring and communication of regional projections.

Agenda:

**Opening session** (Duration 20mins):

Presentations on topics including:

* Expectations of the session
* Issues around climate services
* Global framework for climate services
* Challenges of bridging communities
* How to operate in the reality of what we have available
* What are the pragmatics of climate services
* Use of a discussion (argumentative) between Bruce and Anna

Speakers: Prof Bruce Hewitson and Anna Steynor

**Audience participation session** (Duration 30mins):

Audience is giving a specific scenario for which they each have to make decisions as an expect.

Speakers: Mr Chris Jack (with help on the floor by Anna Steynor and Ms Kate Sutherland)

**Climate services in Africa session** (Duration 40mins):

Presentations on:

* What climate information is available and the strengths, limits and dangers etc.
* Look at specifics for Africa and developing nations-10mins
* ClimAfrica -10mins
* CIP -10mins
* CORDEX -10min

Speakers: Prof Bruce Hewitson, Mr Antonio Bombelli, Mr Chris Jack