

*Announcing a new live streamed seminar series:*

## Southern Africa: A Special Place at a Special Time on the Habitable Planet

We invite you to join in a new and innovative seminar series, exploring our special place on our special planet. In terms of content, the talks aim to consider the South African Earth System from a multidisciplinary and Southern African perspective, with speakers asked to place their research in the context of Southern Africa and outline how it draws on and/or contributes to other disciplines. In terms of the mode of delivery, with the goal of including as broad an audience as possible, the seminars will take place in multiple physical lecture venues and will be live-streamed online (via Youtube). Questions will be taken at the lecture venues as well as via IM online.

**The seminars will take place on the last Thursday of every month at 1 pm starting with:**

### February 23<sup>rd</sup>: An African perspective on global climate change

**Prof. George Philander (Princeton, USA)** with responses from Prof. Albert Modi (UKZN), Prof. Guy Midgley (SU) and Prof. Rob O Donoghue (RU).

Each speaker will be asked to address the following:

- (a) How does my project/discipline benefit from being in southern Africa or its surrounding oceans?
- (b) Why is the success of my project/discipline dependent on other projects concerned with other facets of Earth's habitability?
- (c) Why is the seasonal cycle of special importance to my project/discipline?

**\*\*\* PTO for venue details \*\*\***

## Venues:

Join the seminar live online from the comfort of your own desk @ <https://youtu.be/NoUpFMmq-vY>

Or join is at one of our venues nationwide:

Venue	Contact
CSIR Cape Town (Rosebank Campus) – Board Room	Dr Carl Palmer cpalmer@access.ac.za
UKZN Westville Camus -TBA	Ms Mendy Shoji mendyizibuyile@gmail.com
UKZN Pietermaritzburg Campus – Boardroom, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor CEAD building, Life Sciences.	Dr Kabir Perrbhay peerbhaykabir@gmail.com
UFH (Alice Campus) – GIS Building Lecture Room	Mr Muthulisi Mpofu mthulisimpofu8@gmail.com
University of Zululand – Lecture room H3A (Main Campus)	Dr Fabian Nde Fon FonF@unizulu.ac.za
WITS - TBA	Ms Nomhle Ngwenya nomhlengwenya@yahoo.com

Please RSVP here: <https://goo.gl/forms/I51BEGUzS6aOoksu2>

NB. If you would like to host a session of the seminar in your area, please contact Dr Carl Palmer (cpalmer@access.ac.za).