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WORLD ADAPTATION SCIENCE
PROGRAMME

OFFERS TO HOST THE 2020 AND 2022 ADAPTATION FUTURES CONFERENCE

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

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Dear Sir/Madam:

The World Adaptation Science Programme (PROVIA) is inviting offers to host the 2020 and 2022 Adaptation Futures conference. This is a call to host the sixth or seventh in the series, with previous events held in Queensland (Australia), Arizona (United States), Fortaleza (Brazil), Rotterdam (The Netherlands) and the forthcoming meeting to be held in Cape Town (South Africa).

The Adaptation Futures Conference series is the premier international conference devoted entirely to climate change adaptation, bringing together researchers, policymakers, practitioners, industry representatives and communicators to present their work in adaptation, learn what others are doing, and build networks. As host, you can influence the theme chosen for the conference, enabling you to target the conference to your specific interests and requirements. You also acquire a unique chance to share your expertise, skills and backgrounds and exchange experiences with an active adaptation network.

History:

2010 – 2018 Conference Details: Please bear in mind that, as awareness of the Conferences grows, attendance/space requirements/costs, etc are likely to increase:

The 2010 First Conference in Australia had nearly 1000 attendees; and is the successful Climate Adaptation Future Conference, co-hosted by Australia's National Climate Change Adaptation Research Facility and the CSIRO Climate Adaptation Flagship in Australia in 2010. You need to plan for at least this number in plenary session.

The Adaptation Futures 2012 International Conference on Climate Adaptation in Arizona, co-hosted and convened by UNEP's Global Programme of Research on Vulnerability, Impacts and Adaptation (PROVIA) and the University of Arizona. The Adaptation Futures 2012 showcased over 600 presentations of cutting-edge research from over 60 developed and developing countries to share insights into the challenges and opportunities that adaptation presents.

The Third Conference was the nexus between the research community and the users of climate change adaptation information at regional and global scale. The Adaptation Futures 2014 conference had two back-to-back events; Third International Climate Change Adaptation Conference May 12-15, 2014, and the International Workshop on High Level Drought Policies on Arid and Semi-arid Lands on May 15 in Fortaleza, to foster a connected, collaborative and creative international network of adaptation researchers, decision makers and interested citizens.

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The Fourth Conference, Adaptation Futures 2016: *Practices and Solutions*, was held in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, on 10–13 May. It convened more than 1,700 experts from more than 100 countries, including more than 600 adaptation scholars, 400 policy-makers, 100 private sector representatives, and 400 practitioners, making it the largest adaptation-specific gathering of experts to date. The conference aimed at moving climate change adaptation forward by promoting solutions across sectors, borders and communities.

The Fifth Conference, Adaptation Futures 2018 - *Dialogues for Solutions* - will be held on 18-21 June 2018 in Cape Town, South Africa. The conference aims to progress discussion and learning within the adaptation community on how to move from problem diagnosis to successful implementation.

Timeline:

Expressions of Interest are accepted on a rolling basis. All interested applicants must submit their offers to Sean Khan sean.khan@unep.org cc: Amir Delju adelju@wmo.int with the requirements below by 4th May 2018.

Requirements:

The following is required from the offers. You can always add more information to your offer if necessary.

Name of contact:

Affiliation and position:

E-mail address:

Telephone number:

Proposed venue of the 2020 meeting:

Address:

Capacity (number of persons) of plenary meeting room:

Number of possible parallel – session meeting rooms:

What level of local funding might be possible (e.g. from your national agencies):

What themes, topics or foci of adaptation do you suggest might best be promoted at the sixth 2020 international Conference on adaptation?