



FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2nd SAEON SUMMIT 2010

SUMMIT BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The South African Environmental Observation Network (SAEON) is a research organisation funded by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and managed by the National Research Foundation (NRF) as an emerging National Facility. Its mandate is to drive and facilitate long-term environmental observation systems and research; promote access to quality long-term environmental data; and entrench environmental science in society in order to promote environmental sustainability and improve the quality of life of the people of South Africa.

Following the success of the SAEON Summit held in 2006, SAEON resolved to hold a similar forum every four years, and it is pleased to announce that the Second SAEON Summit will take place as follows:

DATES: 5 – 6 October 2010
VENUE: Old Mutual Conference Centre, Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens, Claremont, CAPE TOWN
THEME: Successful Observation of Environmental Change

The aim of this Summit is to provide a forum for sharing experiences of successful design and implementation of environmental change observation regimes in different bio-geographical regions and Earth systems. It is envisaged that through both interactive paper presentations and workshops, the Summit will engender a better understanding of the requirements of, and methodologies for effective and efficient observation of environmental change. The Summit also intends to place human beings at the centre of environmental change discourse by looking at the implications of such change on human activities and livelihoods. Furthermore, the SAEON Summit is the only inter-disciplinary scientific event of its kind where papers on both coastal and marine ecosystems and terrestrial ecosystems are presented.