

Health and Energy Policy Roundtable

Wed. 24th April 2013; 9h00-15h00

Klein Schuur conference venue; Groote Schuur Hospital

WELCOME

The UCT School of Public Health and Family Medicine; the African Climate & Development Initiative (ACDI); and groundWork South Africa welcome you to the first national Health and Energy Policy Roundtable.

Why this roundtable?

The routine release of pollutants from energy extraction, distribution and consumption has significant implications for human health, directly as environmental health impacts, and indirectly through impacts on ecosystems and global climate change. These implications are currently insufficiently considered in national energy policy however.

What do we hope to achieve?

We wish to bring together role players in the health sector with energy policy experts:

- To identify the health implications of current energy policy and systems in the Western Cape and South Africa;
- To develop a position for a healthy energy policy;
- To develop a collaborative strategy for mobilizing the health sector on energy and health issues.

The roundtable programme below features brief presentations from climate, public health, and energy experts, followed by discussion groups and a panel discussion.

We look forward to your participation in this event.

Yours sincerely,

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PROGRAMME

9.00 - 9.30		REGISTRATION & COFFEE / TEA
9.30 - 9.45	Welcome & Introductions Background & Purpose of workshop	Dr Andrea Rother, <i>UCT School of Public Health</i> Prof Mark New <i>African Climate Development Initiative, UCT</i> Mr. Rico Euripidou <i>groundWork South Africa</i>
9.45 - 10.00	Future climate scenarios in the W Cape	Dr Peter Johnston <i>UCT Climate System Analysis Group (CSAG)</i>
10.00 - 10.45	Sustainable energy systems and national policy options	Dr Robert Fischer <i>Project 90x2030</i> Louise Tait <i>UCT Dept. of Mechanical Engineering</i>
10.45 – 11.00	The Global Green and Healthy Hospitals Agenda: Goal #4: Implement energy efficiency and clean, renewable energy generation	Mr. Rico Euripidou <i>Researcher</i> <i>groundWork South Africa</i>
11.00 - 11.15		COFFEE/ TEA
11.15 - 11.30	Responses from the Western Cape health sector – policy and practice	Dr Krish Vallabhjee <i>Chief director: Strategy and Health</i> <i>Western Cape Dept. of Health</i>
11.30 - 12.30	Discussion groups on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the health implications of our current energy policy and systems? • How can the health sector bring the health implications of national energy policy into the public debate? • What can health institutions and health professionals do to achieve the energy goal of the Global Green and Healthy Hospitals Agenda? 	Group facilitators
12.30 – 13.00	Report back from discussion groups	Group rapporteurs
13.00 - 13.45		LUNCH
13.45 – 15.00	Panel discussion – the way forward	Expert panel
15.00		COFFEE / TEA & DEPART

Further reading at: <http://www.groundwork.org.za/ClimateHealthRoundtables.html>

