



Call for Expressions of Interest from researchers based in Denmark  
for participation in workshop:

## “Climate Change and its Impacts on human health, water and food security in the SADC region”

Cape Town, South Africa - February 18-20, 2009 - Hosted by Global Water Partnership - SADC

### Background

Detailed and context specific knowledge of the consequences of climate change at global, regional, national and local levels is vital for overcoming the negative effects of climate change in southern Africa to secure the most needed and efficient adaptation to climate change. In order to facilitate the access of policy-makers and development practitioners to the results from existing research on climate change in SADC and enhance networking and knowledge sharing for action, the three Danish research networks: [Danish Development Research Network \(DDRN\)](#), [Danish Water Forum \(DWF\)](#), and the [Danish ENRECA Health](#) network represented by the [Centre for Health Research and Development \(DBL\)](#) have taken an initiative to promote the idea of establishing a knowledge sharing and research network in the region.

The main purpose of the initiative is thus to start a process towards creation of a knowledge sharing network on mentioned issues within the SADC region, and between the SADC region and Denmark. Besides knowledge sharing it is also the intention that the network will facilitate development of joint project applications and other research cooperation within the thematic fields. It is envisaged that the network will also contribute knowledge and research input to conferences and activities within the area of climate change and inform development practices and policies within the areas covered by the network.

As a first step in the process of creating such a network a planning meeting was held in Botswana in November 2008 with participation of the three Danish networks and a few key collaborating institutions from SADC. This was followed by the commissioning of three desk studies focusing on mapping of: (i) Research projects on climate change and human health (responsible: DBL); (ii) Research projects on climate change and water (responsible: DWF); and (iii) Research projects on climate change and food security (responsible: DDRN). The mapping exercise is still ongoing. The planning meeting in Botswana also took the decision to carry on with the organization of a workshop in South Africa in 2009, where the establishment of a network will be further explored. The workshop will take stock of current regional knowledge related to climate change and its impact to health, water and food security in Southern Africa. The three Danish knowledge and research networks have decided to fund the participation of 6-9 Danish researchers in the workshop (2-3 persons from each of the areas CC and health, CC and water and CC and food security).

### Requirements for workshop participation

Researchers based in Denmark engaged in projects related to impacts of climate change on human health, water and food security and who are interested in engaging in knowledge sharing and cooperation with researchers from the SADC region, are hereby encouraged to send in their EOI with a brief description of research area, institutional affiliation and an indication of which of the three main areas mentioned above you represent (health, water or food security) and how you intend to use and share your output from the workshop with others after the workshop. The networks will cover travel costs, accommodation and meals.

Funded participants are expected to contribute actively to the workshop e.g. as facilitators, rapporteurs and chairpersons. It is also expected that funded participants take an active part in relevant follow-up activities, including dissemination of the results of the workshop.

**Deadline for submission of EOI: Friday, January 30, 2009 att. Anne Sørensen: [ams@ddrn.dk](mailto:ams@ddrn.dk)**

The submitted names will be reviewed and the 6-9 participants selected by the organising group including the coordinators of the three Danish networks. Selected participants will be informed on February 2, 2009.

If you are interested in the initiative, but not able to attend the workshop, please send an email to Marianne Forti: [maf@ddrn.dk](mailto:maf@ddrn.dk), and you will be kept updated on future follow up activities.