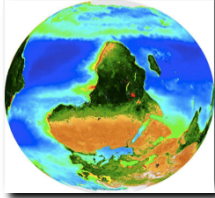


## Introducing “The Habitable Planet”



The Applied Centre for Climate and Earth System Science (ACCESS) will be hosting a workshop on the **29<sup>th</sup> June – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2011 through the University of Pretoria**. The workshop will focus on the evolution of Planet Earth’s glorious diversity of flora and fauna and the conditions required to maintain these favourable environments. The favourable conditions depend on the interactions between the atmosphere, biosphere, oceans and solid Earth including phenomena such as El Nino, La Nina, the circulations of the atmosphere and oceans, the drifting of the continents and the ice ages. The course will include a focus on human-environment relationships, both in the distance past and present, to investigate the impact future global warming and climate change may have.

The workshop uses South Africa’s magnificent physical environments to introduce 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year students (from a diverse range of field from mathematics to sociology / law) to the concept of **Earth System Science**. The workshop uses a unique combination of lectures, computer exercises, contemporary documentaries, peer discussion and appropriate field excursions to tell the story of why the Earth is habitable and why Southern Africa is such a special place. The workshop also aims to expose scholars to the range of master’s degree courses available in South Africa.



If you wish to apply, please send us an **APPLICATION LETTER** stating why you should be considered to attend the workshop as well as a **ONE PAGE CV**. Your CV must include the name, e-mail address and other contact details for a course coordinator or supervisor at your university/institution.

**Funding is available to cover the travel and accommodation costs of all successful applicants.**

**DEADLINE – 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

**Please note that late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

To apply, or for more information, contact Dr Carl Palmer (ACCESS) / Dr Jane Olwoch (UP):

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*The Habitable Planet Workshop will also be happening in the **Eastern Cape**. For more information, contact Dr Carl Palmer (details above).*