

An invitation is extended
to all interested parties to
contribute to the fifth

Ukulinga Howard Davis Memorial Symposium

*Incorporating
The Southern African Adaptation
Colloquium (Adaptation Network)*



Small Scale Farmers and Climate Change Adaptation

DATE: 12-14 October 2022

VENUE: University of KwaZulu-Natal,
Pietermaritzburg

The Ukulinga Howard Davis Memorial Symposium honours the educational legacy of the late Howard Davis who was killed in the Battle of the Somme in 1916, and is sponsored by the Howard Davis Farm Trust. The symposium showcases theoretical and applied research carried out at UKZN's Ukulinga Research Farm, founded in 1950, to the scientific community, agribusiness sector and farming community. It facilitates formation of relationships with agribusinesses and skill development and knowledge transfer for the benefit of emerging and current small-scale community-based farmers.

The Adaptation Network, comprising members from civil society, government, parastatals, academia and business, is a platform for sharing experiences, practical approaches and frameworks relating to climate change adaptation. It aims to create a space for researchers and practitioners working with communities that are consciously adapting to climate change to share knowledge about challenges experienced on the ground and emerging adaptation strategies to inform adaptation theory and practice. It also promotes formation of partnerships, heightening awareness, education and communication around adaptation, improved planning and monitoring, lobbying and advocacy, and backing processes that support and fund adaptation.

The theme of **SMALL SCALE FARMERS AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION** is intended to bring together stakeholders driving research and practice across southern Africa to focus on the challenges and opportunities facing farmers, particularly smallholder farmers, in a changing climate.

Participation is invited from academics, researchers, practitioners, civil society, farming organisations, policy makers, local government and students involved in far-reaching efforts to inform and facilitate adaptation to a changing climate.

Submissions within a wide range of topics will be considered, including: Climate change adaptation and mitigation, technological advances to enable adaptation, sustainable agricultural and food systems, ecological infrastructure, ecosystem restoration, disaster risk reduction, indigenous knowledge, learning and partnerships, extension services, land issues, environmental management/sciences, the water-energy-food nexus, food and nutrition security, climate-resilient agricultural practices, agricultural value chains, the circular economy, women and youth, and the science-policy interface.

We encourage showcasing research in these areas that has not yet produced final results, particularly to share processes and strategies for climate change adaptation research. We also look forward to platforming stories about adaptation successes that have transformed lives and communities, and to creating space for interactive sessions and the showcase of participatory projects and media.

Participation is welcomed through:

- Presentations
- Posters
- Displays
- Sponsorship
- Attendance

Our vision through all forms of participation is to demonstrate UKZN and its partners' research that is relevant, topical and dynamic in its response to contemporary social and ecological scenarios.

Of particular interest would be the showcasing of relationships between UKZN's College of Agriculture, Engineering and Science and its community and agribusiness partners, and of research linked to Ukulinga Research Farm.

We gratefully acknowledge funding from the Howard Davis Farm Trust in their endeavour to see communities benefit from knowledge integration between higher education institutions and agricultural stakeholders, and also acknowledge partnership with the Adaption Network for this year's Symposium with funding support from the Government of Flanders.

For inclusion in the programme with an oral presentation, poster display or creative presentation, please submit a 300-word abstract or presentation description to cuenod@ukzn.ac.za by no later than 31 AUGUST 2022.

The organisers welcome technical, academic, practical, creative and social involvement.

If you would like to exhibit at the event or be otherwise involved, please provide a description of your planned display/involvement and its relevance to the Symposium theme by 31 AUGUST 2022.

