

# GLOBAL CHANGE CONFERENCE 2014

## Questionnaire – the aftermath and retrospection

Dear Participant

Now that the Global Change Conference is over, and before your detailed memories of it fade, we would like to gauge your impressions about the conference: its content, your learning experience and networking etc. Did you enjoy the conference, was it a good experience (or not); what did you learn; what would you like to see different in a conference like this and the Global Change program in general? By answering some of the questions below, you will help us, and yourself, in making sure the program evolves in a way that you would like to see.

First a few personal questions.

### A. Background – About You

1. In what year did you matriculate?
2. In what year did you start University?
3. When did you graduate?
  
4. What degree are you registered for, and number of years into degree
  - a. Honours
  - b. Masters  Year 1, 2, 3
  - c. Doctoral  Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

If an honours, would you like to continue with a Masters? \_\_\_\_\_

If a Masters, would you like to continue with a PhD? \_\_\_\_\_

If the latter, would you continue in your present field or would you like to change topics/directions – please explain:

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5. At what University are you registered now?

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6. What is your research field – and how does it link to the focus areas in the global change grand challenges?

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7. To what do you ascribe your interest in Science? (You can select more than one)

- a) No one influence in particular
- b) Parental/home environment
- c) Mentor/teacher inspired
- d) School environment
- e) University environment
- f) Self-motivated

8. In what role do you see a future in science for yourself (please rank from 1 lowest to 7 highest)

<b>Role</b>	<b>Ranking (1 to 7)</b>
Technical role	
Lecturing/mentoring/teaching	
Research	
Policy development	
Consultant	
NGO staff	

Entrepreneur	
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9. Please rank the following motivations for you in your pursuit for higher qualifications (from 1 lowest to 5 highest)

Motivation	Ranking (1 to 5)
Higher earning potential	
Good financial student support	
Chance to work with a good mentor/supervisor	
Pursuing an interesting scientific question	
Opportunity to travel internationally	

**B. Global Change Conference questions:**

1. Tick the field trip you attended and rate the field trip - good for general interest; good for your research topic: Please explain and add additional comments if appropriate

Field trip	Rating	Comments
Energy Security Field Trip <input type="checkbox"/>		
Industrial & Socio economic Development in Coega and the Port of Ngqura <input type="checkbox"/>		
Eastern Cape Conservation and Tourism (Addo Elephant National Park) <input type="checkbox"/>		

2. Rate the Social events that you attended - good for general networking; good for your research topic: please explain and add additional comments if appropriate

Social Event	Rating	Comments
Sunday: Welcome Event		
Monday: Braai		
Tuesday: Interactive Debate		

Wednesday: Gala Dinner		
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3. Which of the following in the conference did you find useful and please explain why

	Useful Yes/No	Comments
<b>Keynote talks</b>		
<b>Parallel sessions</b> a) Where there too many/too few parallel sessions?		
b) Would you like to have attended presentations in more than one parallel session?		
c) If you can, please briefly explain how the organisers might have divided the sessions-up better.		
<b>Plenary sessions and discussions.</b>		

#### 4. Debate

Did you attend the debate? Yes  No

If yes, please provide short feedback on the following:

	Yes/No	Comments
a) Was the topic appropriate?		
b) Where the teams well structured?		
c) Was the Facilitator useful?		
d) Was the scoring appropriate?		

e) Did you learn and/or gain knowledge about the issues related to the topic?		

**C. General Academic:**

1. Has your understanding of the research scope and types of research being undertaken in the GCGC improved? Please explain:

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2. Would you attend the next Global Change Conference, and how often should these be organised?

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3. Please provide suggestions for improvements and new ideas

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**D. General Logistics:**

	<b>Yes/ No</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1) Was the conference well organised?		
2) Was there enough information about the conference?		
3) Where the lecture venues suitable, well prepared and accessible?		

4) Was your accommodation adequate?		
5) Were food and beverages adequate?		
6) Was transportation to the conference adequate?		

7. How did you experience the interactions and information on mobile/internet. How can we improve? Please explain/comment briefly:

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**Please return your completed questionnaire as soon as possible, but before December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to:**

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**Thank you**

**(Organising Committee)**