



The aim of this training workshop is to contribute to and enhance the understanding of Climate Change amongst South African journalists. By focusing on the three broad categories listed below, participants will be provided with a solid basis for understanding the Climate Change arena. Through familiarising participant journalists with relevant background as to the, science, reports, legal instruments, objectives, obligations and political climate surrounding Climate Change, the workshop aims to equip participant journalists with the tools to bring media coverage of the UNFCCC COP 17 into the South African living room. Public understanding of and participation in Climate Change discourse is critical and journalists play a pre-eminent role in educating the general public in this regard. It is hoped that participation in this workshop will help journalists to tell the continuing climate change story that needs to be told and heard in a clear, systematic and concise manner. The workshop will also be an opportunity for journalists to exchange questions and ideas with each other and strengthen working relationships in the field.

BEAT

This section of the training will focus on Climate Change Concepts. Participants will be familiarized with recent reports and developments as well as ongoing projects. A brief summary of events leading to the UNFCCC COP 17 will be provided and set out and progress made thus far will be discussed. There will be particular focus on the concepts of Mitigation and Adaptation and financial instruments and mechanisms will also be discussed.

COPY

In this section the training will focus on the most important literature on Climate Change. Important legal principles and objectives found in the Convention and Protocol texts will also be discussed briefly. A concise summary of the various instruments and mechanisms will be given. Participants will be provided with the opportunity to critically discuss the present status of available literature so as to identify shortcomings which can and should be addressed in future coverage.

FINE PRINT

During this section the training will focus on the negotiation process, political challenges and the dynamics between developed and developing countries. A brief overview of the differences between theory and reality will also be addressed.