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Hi Ms Tracy Ewen

I hereby wish to be added as a course participant for your winter school programme.

My name is Hadley-John Lyners and I am the education officer at the SAEON Fynbos Node.

SAEON ( The South African Environmental Observation Network) was established by the NRF and is funded by the Department of Science and Technology to provide terrestrial and marine environmental observation in order to monitor and understand global change to inform decision making.

Our objectives are:

- \* Managing an information network to secure long-term data for current and future analysis of environmental change
- \* Observation aimed at identifying the drivers of change, and monitoring and understanding their impact over time
- \* Building the knowledge society of the future through developing capacity

For SAEON's environmental science education programme, our mission is to assist with:

- a. educator development to upgrade their knowledge and skills;
- b. enhancing learner participation and performance;
- c. identifying and nurturing talent and potential;
- d. placing and supporting learners in higher education and key strategic economic sectors; and
- e. supporting curriculum delivery.

After having a look at what the climate change course offers, I became very interested in doing it as I feel it will complement the work that I do perfectly. The topics to be covered are key to school interventions i.e. how do you make climate monitoring relevant for the teachers and school kids?

Another aspect difficult to bridge is conveying the message that climate change is a reality when we have natural variability imposed on a changing environment? The course I believe will develop my knowledge and insights in order to address this issue.

This course, if I am afforded to do it, will not only help me in my understanding but all the teachers and learners in our environmental science programme.

Please consider this application favourably.

Best regards,

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