

I am writing to express interest in the forthcoming training scheduled for July in Cape Town. I am a scholar of climate change at the University of Pretoria, in the department of Geography, Geoinformatics, and Meteorology. At the same department I work as a teaching assistant. This course comes at a moment when I am delving through the different literature and designing methodology on how to gather data on the field of interest. My study field is on "Climate change and water resources". Currently I am investigating the impact of climate change on water resources oriented livelihood in Uganda. As earlier observed and noted by your organisation there is a great misunderstanding or lack of knowledge that relates to climate change. It is true that a lot has been published, but like what my supervisor always tells me, a lot of that information is misleading. I therefore look at this training as an opportunity for me to interact with some of the experts in this field. It will be a great honour for me to engage with them and fill some of the gaps that are becoming a nightmare.

The kind of study I am conducting involves a combination of water resources and livelihoods. Which therefore adopts both qualitative and quantitative methods. These methods need refining. I see this training as one good opportunity for me to be there and share ideas with other participants and see what they think of my approach to the study. Secondly, my study is country specific, whereas many studies so far conducted are bigger by scale. This will be a nice opportunity to share with other researchers what my experiences are and most importantly get the insight of the whole study.

The core topics that are going to be imparted are very relevant to my research. I am very much interested in analysing climatic data and variability, generating climate change scenarios, extreme events thresholds analysis and climate envelopes.

My experience involves the use and manipulation of observed data, simulations, analysis and interpretation of downscaled climate change data.

The overall goal of my interest is to have an opportunity of strengthening and polishing my research design so that I can carry out a good research in the shortest time possible. I also foresee an opportunity for me to meet individuals who would be interested in publishing research work in the near future.

I will be very glad if my application is considered and I am allowed to attend the training

yours truly

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