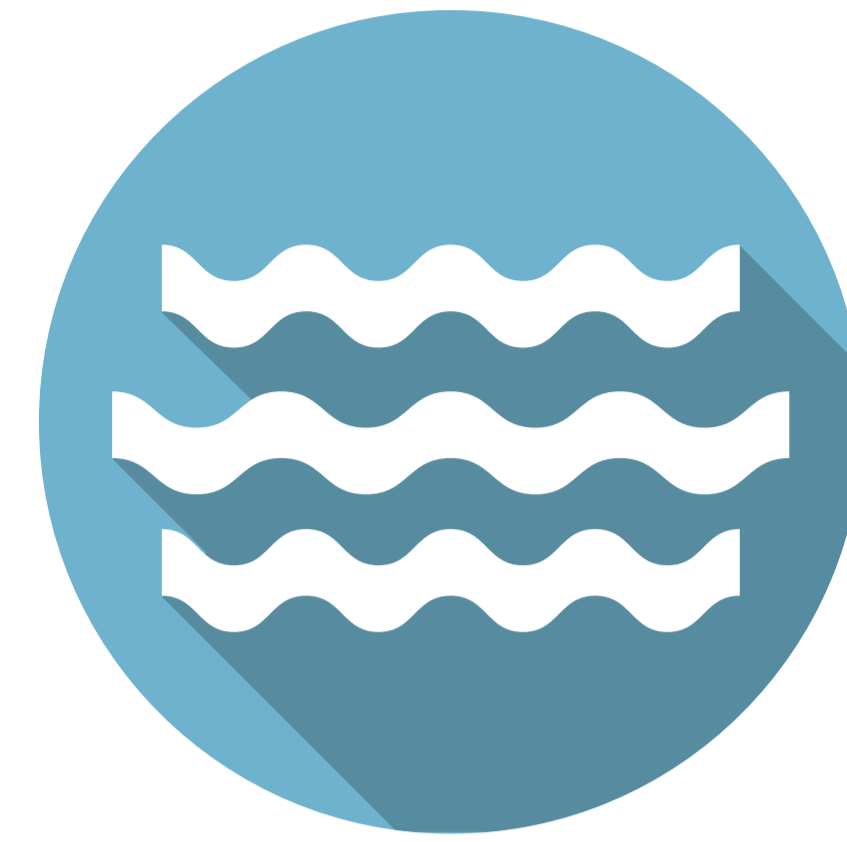




# Side Events

## Water & Ocean



**From Durban COP17 to Paris COP21: flagship workshop on water science cooperation for human capital development**

**Who**  
Water Research Commission, Institute for Research and Development, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Department of Science and Technology, French Embassy, ESASTAP Plus and Alliance Française de Durban

**Where**  
Howard College, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa

**When**  
June 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Format**  
Conferences coupled with workshops, a site visit, an exhibition and a film projection



**In brief**  
«French and South African researchers are invited to work together in order to advance science and enhance human capital development.

The Side Event aims at sharing experiences and best practices for water-related research projects, and exploring opportunities to strengthen the international cooperation in science research, especially regarding the role of water movements on the global carbon cycle with implications for water scarcity, water quality, food security and climate change.»

**Why do forests matter for water and climate? Strategies for sustainability**

**Who**  
WeForest, an international reforestation NGO

**Where**  
University of Leuven, Leuven, Belgium

**When**  
June 8<sup>th</sup> till June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Format**  
Workshop



**In brief**  
«During this event, the working group collaborates on line on a policy brief to be presented at the Global Landscape Forum in Paris, on the side-lines of the COP21.

The workshop intends to clarify the current state of knowledge on the importance of forests for water cycle, and outline a strategic brief that policy makers can mobilise to build strategies for landscape restoration and water management.»

**Photo exhibition : "Climate is changing, ocean too"**

**Who**  
The French Institute for Exploration and Exploitation of the Sea (IFREMER)

**Where**  
Brest, Cherbourg and Paris

**When**  
From June 1<sup>st</sup> to July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Format**  
Photography exhibition



**In brief**  
«The exhibition was prepared within the framework of the COP 21 to present the researches of the Institute about the links between ocean and climate through 20 comprehensive panels.

Every panel includes a big picture or a map, a short text which explains the scientific problem to the public and give some information about current research programs.»

**The north to the south: both poles in connection with the ocean global change**

**Who**  
Université Pierre et Marie Curie, LOCEAN (France) and Instituto del Mar del Perú (Perú)

**Where**  
Refectoire des Cordeliers, Paris, France

**When**  
July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Format**  
A public day meeting including conferences, a video projection, artistic performances and the exhibition of a monumental art piece



**In brief**  
«There is a growing recognition that the global ocean is rapidly changing and is under pressure from multiple stressors, acidification, low oxygen, warming that impact directly on the services of the Ecosystems and society. This Side Event wants to underline the importance of:  
• linking science and society in order to include more discussion about the ocean and climate change,  
• having actions around the world connecting North and South in order to multiply the initiatives and impulse every stakeholders.»

**World Oceans Day**

**Who**  
Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO, Ocean and Climate Platform

**Where**  
UNESCO, Paris, France

**When**  
June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Format**  
Scientific workshops, plenary sessions and exhibitions



**In brief**  
«This day intends to identify promising ocean-sensitive actions and adaptation strategies to mitigate climate change and its socioeconomic impacts that may feed into the COP21 negotiations, and beyond that, into the post-2015 climate agenda.

Through dialogue and participation, this side event aims at underlining the ocean's essential role for the survival of our planet and how climate change is threatening this role, with potentially disastrous consequences.»