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# DIVERSITAS OSC2

Building on the success of the First DIVERSITAS Open Science Conference (9-12 Nov 2005, Oaxaca, Mexico), and in order to provide in-depth overviews of a broad range of topics in biodiversity research and initiate biodiversity research projects around the world, DIVERSITAS is pleased to announce its Second Open Science Conference:

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### Schedule

Symposium Call	July 2008
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>15 Sept 2008</b>
Abstract Call	Dec 2008
Registration	Jan 2009
<b>Deadline</b>	<b>31 March 2009</b>
<b>DIVERSITAS OSC2</b>	<b>13-16 Oct 2009</b>



**DIVERSITAS**  
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The conference is entirely dedicated to biodiversity science and its connections to human sciences. In keeping with the Conference title, scientists worldwide are invited to submit proposals for symposia on the following topics:

- **Strengthening biodiversity science**  
Evolution of biodiversity – Inventorying biodiversity – Monitoring biodiversity changes – Drivers of biodiversity changes – Prediction of biodiversity changes – Biodiversity and ecosystem functioning – Linking ecosystem functioning to ecosystem services
- **Supporting the science – policy interface**  
Conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity – Valuation of biodiversity and ecosystem services – Economic incentives – Biodiversity and development
- **Integrated approaches to topical issues**  
Agrobiodiversity – Biodiversity and health – Freshwater biodiversity – Invasive species – Marine biodiversity – Mountain biodiversity – Etc.
- **Focus on African issues is welcome**

## Symposium submission

Available online at [www.diversitas-osc.org](http://www.diversitas-osc.org)

**Submission deadline: 15 September 2008**

## Special call to young scientists and to developing country scientists

The Conference will present a special award for outstanding research presented by a young scientist. DIVERSITAS will provide a number of grants to assist scientists from developing countries.



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## PROGRAMME

### Plenary lectures

#### Symposia

#### Oral & Poster presentations

#### Panel discussions

#### Scientific field trips

### Plenary Speakers

**George Brown**, Brazil • **Gretchen C Daily**, USA • **Andy Dobson**, USA • **Georgina Mace**, UK • **Guy Midgley**, S-Africa  
• **Harold A Mooney**, USA • **David Obura**, Kenya (tbc) • **Stephen Polasky**, USA • **Achim Steiner**, UNEP

### Related Activities

#### **DIVERSITAS Projects' Scientific Committee meetings**

Sunday, 11 and Monday, 12 October 2009

#### **National Committees Meeting**

Tuesday, 13 October 2009

One day prior to the Conference, DIVERSITAS will convene a meeting of representatives of all its National Committees. Countries interested in establishing a National Committee are also encouraged to attend.

#### **Round table with members of the DIVERSITAS International Advisory Committee**

Friday, 16 October 2009

### Conference Location

Cape Town lies in the heart of South Africa's unique fynbos biome and is famous for its attractive coastline, scenic views, and vibrant artistic community. In recent times, Cape Town has been at the forefront of national efforts to develop sustainable ways of conserving urban biodiversity and ecosystem services while improving human wellbeing. Its lively atmosphere, accessible natural resources and strong contrasts between rich and poor make it an ideal location for a conference focusing on the challenges of bridging the gaps between people and nature.

The **DIVERSITAS OSC2** will be held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC). This facility is ideally situated on the city's foreshore, close to the Victoria & Alfred Waterfront. Rooms will be available at several hotels in close proximity to the Conference Centre. Registrants will be able to select hotels and arrange reservations online by visiting the Conference website.

### Field Trips

South Africa and especially the Cape Region offer a wide variety of ecological and historical points of interest that provide examples of human-nature interactions and of the challenges of sustainable development. Several field trips will allow participants to experience this richness. More information will be posted on the Conference website in due course.