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Join African faith leaders and concerned citizens at climate rally

“Apartheid seemed an overwhelming challenge that could not be defeated but we mobilised and defeated it. We need the same passion and determination to defeat climate change.”

- Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, rally host

Please join us at a mass rally led by African faith leaders, prominent speakers and world class musicians, from 2pm on November 27 at the King’s Park Stadium in Durban, South Africa.

Last year, South Africa hosted the FIFA World Cup. This year South Africa will convene COP17, the “Climate World Cup”. These negotiations have such extreme consequences for the future of life that we should be even more passionately concerned than we were about the soccer.

Climate change is the greatest threat humanity has ever faced and African communities, who will be the most devastated, are already experiencing increasingly unpredictable weather patterns with severe droughts and extreme storms and floods.

Yet world governments have failed to reach agreement on curbing climate change.

We, the multi-faith community of South Africa, say that the time for talking is over. We are going to fill the King’s Park Stadium for the rally and will call on world leaders to reach a fair, ambitious and legally binding decision to curb greenhouse-gas emissions to ensure a viable future for coming generations.

The rally will be hosted by Nobel Peace laureate Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu and religious leaders of Africa and the world. They will hand over a petition calling on heads of state to put a reverence for life ahead of national and economic self-interest.

A number of prominent and world-renowned musicians have also been invited to play at the rally and the event will be televised.

Faith-based organisations from Africa are travelling to Durban to come to the rally, as well as climate-change activists and concerned citizens from across the world who have promised to attend.

We warmly invite you to join us.

To sign the petition and for more information about our campaign, log on to www.wehavefaithactnow.org, join our Facebook page, email faithsecretariatCOP17@diakonia.org.za or phone (031) 310 3512 (office).

Sincerely,

Bishop Geoff Davies

Executive Director

Southern African Faith Communities' Environment Institute

This invitation is extended by the Southern African Faith Communities' Environment Institute (SAFCEI) which is a multi-faith NGO working with a coalition of African and world-wide faith and justice organizations.

