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INVITATION

CSIR Natural Resources and the Environment cordially invites you to a public seminar **Crafting a road map for research on sun exposure and health in South Africa**

Children and young adults are particularly susceptible to the effects of sun exposure. Studies show that too much sun exposure during childhood and adolescence may enhance risk of adverse health effects during adulthood. Introducing positive sun behaviour and risk-averse sun attitudes early in life through targeted awareness programmes may be an effective preventive measure in the long term.

The two-day event marks the launch of this research programme and will comprise a public seminar where research partners will contribute their research interests, trends, gaps and strengths in their sun-related discipline and how it fits into the broader knowledge field.

On Day 2, project partners (i.e. scientists, professional organisations, government and non-governmental organisations) will meet for a round table discussion and work towards the development of a research roadmap for this knowledge field in South Africa. Please note that participation in the round table discussion on Day 2 is by invitation only.

Why should you attend?

- Learn more and ask questions about sun exposure health impacts
- Help us identify research gaps and concerns for sun exposure health impacts
- Help us learn about, support and encourage organisations working in this area
- Get involved by initiating and sustaining active interaction between all research partners for the benefit of public health in South Africa.

Date: 29-30 May 2012

Venue: CSIR Knowledge Commons, Pretoria

RSVP : by Friday, 11 May 2012 to Lesley Wright at LWright@csir.co.za or (012) 841-3872

More information on the topics and speakers is available in the attachment

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PROGRAMME

08:30 – 09:00	Morning registration
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome Dr Carl Albrecht, Head of research, CANSA
09:10 – 09:30	Introduction and overview Dr Caradee Wright, CSIR Natural Resources and the Environment
09:30 – 10:10	Consequences of sun exposure for human health Prof Mary Norval, Professor Emeritus at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland
10:10 – 10:35	Tea break
10:35 – 11:20	Sun, Savvy and Skin: An Enlightening Review of Skin Cancer in South Africa and Beyond Dr Lester Davids, Redox Laboratory, Department of Human Biology, University of Cape Town
11:20 – 12:00	The effects of ultraviolet radiation on the eyes Mark Nagle, optometrist, Pretoria
12:00 – 12:40	UV-B monitoring and research activities at the South African Weather Service Ms Katlego Ncongwane, Global Atmospheric Watch, Climate and Environmental Research and Monitoring Unit, South African Weather Service
12:40 – 13:30	Lunch
13:35 – 14:20	Sun exposure among South Africans Dr Caradee Wright, CSIR Natural Resources and the Environment
14:20 – 14:40	Summary of key learning, ideas, issues, challenges Prof Beverley Summers, University of Limpopo – Medunsa and member of the International Standards Organisation working group on Photoprotection
14:40 – 15:00	Closure: way forward and vote of thanks
15:00	Afternoon tea and departure