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March to Demand a Solution to Climate Change at COP17

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reduce emissions to 1.5 degrees Celsius is not reached soon, Africa will face droughts, submerged cities and coastlines, famines, species extinctions, and many climate refugees. Global leaders need to reach a just, fair and legally binding deal to prevent this.

Global greenhouse gas emissions are rising to dangerous levels, and if a global deal to Despite the urgent need for a deal-backed up by a vast and solid corpus of scientific literature on the causes of global warming and what has to happen to avoid catastrophic climate change-expectations for COP17 are at rock bottom. Not only is a mark of shame for the last 16 COPs, it is a worrying sign. Basically, now is the time to cut global emissions, and talking of failure is a sure way to actually fail.

For this reason and as a build-up to the Global Day of Action in Durban on the 3rd of Dec., Earthlife Africa Jhb and allies will be marching on Saturday, 26th of November 2011. As Makoma Lekalakala, Programme Officer at Earthlife Africa Jhb states, "The world is coming to South Africa and the only question is will there be only hot air, or will a deal be reached? We, in Africa, need a deal. Runaway climate change, or even warming above 1.5 degrees Celsius, will undermine all our development gains made since liberation. We are marching to demand that this COP doesn't become another failure, a failure that will cost the lives of Africans."

March Start: 9am, Pieter Roos Park, Cnr. Empire and Victoria Road, Parktown, Johannesburg. Parking at Constitution Hill.

March End: Beyers Naude Square (Library Gardens), Cnr. Simmonds and Market Streets, JHB CBD

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