

Environmental Sciences Useful Websites

South African sites

<http://www.gov.za>

The South African government website which provides access to a range of information and official publications about South Africa as well as links to government departments.

<http://www.environment.gov.za/>

The Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism is divided into 5 branches, some of which are Environmental quality and protection, marine and coastal management, tourism, biodiversity and conservation, international co-operation and resources. There are useful links to maps and mapping, publications, web sites on the environment and areas of interest, some of which are environmental management, poverty and sustainable development.

<http://www.dwa.gov.za/>

The Department of Water Affairs is responsible for conserving, managing and developing the water resources in South Africa. Publications and reports are available on their website.

<http://www.nda.agric.za/>

The South African National Department of Agriculture provides many useful online publications on agriculture and agricultural statistics.

<http://www.weathersa.co.za/Publications/PublicationList.jsp>

The South African Weather service provides data on national weather and forecasts. Meteorologists in the Prediction Research section of SAWS are involved in various research projects, many of which are in collaboration with other academic and research institutes both locally and internationally. Climate data for selected South African cities and towns are provided.

Other sites (international)

<http://www.casasp.ox.ac.uk/reports.html>

Centre for the Analysis of South African social policy: CASASP.

Based at Oxford University, CASASP, "aims to assist in the eradication of poverty and building of citizenship in South Africa through high quality evidence-based social policy research and training with an international comparative dimension". Covers poverty, issues relating to children, social exclusion, social grants etc.

<http://www.science.gov/>

Science.Gov is a gateway to over 50 million pages of authoritative selected science information provided by US government agencies, including research and development results. There are links to publications in Environment & Environmental Quality, Natural Resources and conservation and Earth and Ocean Sciences.

<http://www.iied.org./aboutiied/index.html>

IIED (International Institute for Environment and Development) is an international policy research institute and non-governmental body working for more sustainable and equitable global development. There links on natural resources, human settlements, governance, climate change and sustainable markets. Many IIED publications can be downloaded free of charge in PDF format.

<http://www.daff.gov.au/publications>

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Australia, provides useful agricultural information and publications.

<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/>

The UK Department for International Development (DFID) is responsible for Britain's aid to poor countries and looks at ways to overcome extreme poverty. Publications are available on their website including fact sheets and evaluation studies.

<http://www.fao.org>

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations helps developing countries improve their agriculture, forestry and fisheries practices. Many online publications are available on their website.

<http://www.kit.nl/smartsite.shtml?ch=FAB&id=4356>

The Royal Tropical Institute (Netherlands) contributes to sustainable development, poverty alleviation, and cultural preservation and exchange. They are involved in development projects, scientific research and training. A number of useful online publications are available on their website.

<http://www.odi.org.uk/>

Overseas Development Institute (ODI) provides useful information in the area of international development, including agricultural and economic development. A number of publications are available on their website.

http://www.oecd.org/home/0,3305,en_2649_201185_1_1_1_1_1,00.html

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is a reliable source of world statistics, and economic and social data.

<http://www.unmillenniumproject.org/>

The United Nations Millennium Project was commissioned to recommend a plan to reverse poverty, hunger and disease. A number of Task reports have been published and are available online.

<http://www.worldbank.org/>

The World Bank focuses on economic and social development in the world, providing useful information and statistics on the global economy.

<http://www.idrc.ca/>

The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) is a public corporation created by the Parliament of Canada in 1970 to help developing countries use science and technology to find practical, long-term solutions to the social, economic, and environmental problems they face. Contains useful publications and research reports on research and development. Contains useful online research reports on natural resources management and poverty reduction and free e-books.

<http://www.gdrc.org/uem/eco-tour/st-about.html>

Sustainable tourism gateway

<http://www.sociosite.net/topics/population.php>

Demography / Population gateway to web resources

<http://www.physicalgeography.net/>

An educational web portal that focuses on the basics of physical geography

www.unfpa.org/

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) provides useful documents, information and links to all aspects of population. Includes a very useful 'State of the World Population 2011" report (<http://www.unfpa.org/swp/>)

<http://www.eoearth.org/>

Encyclopedia of the earth: articles on the earth, the natural environment and society's interaction with it.

<http://www.isric.org/about-soils>

ISRIC World soil information: articles and links.

<http://www.wamis.org/>

World Agrometeorological Information Service.

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