

IPA Lecture Series:

Implementing the Paris Agreement in South Africa: The Role of Local Governments

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In this lecture, Prof Du Plessis discusses the extent to which the Paris Climate Agreement is intended to be implemented in South African local government law. She highlights the relevant contextual and legal considerations and explains why it is that climate adaptation ranks as top priority in South Africa. Prof Du Plessis reflects on recent climate law and policy reform in the country and shares her views on the critical feedback loop between the international, domestic and municipal law and policy regimes on climate change. The lecture is based on joint research with climate law expert, Mr Andrew Gilder (Climate Legal) who headed the drafting of South Africa's Draft Climate Bill, published in May 2018.

The lecture will be followed by a discussion and a reception with drinks and light snacks.



Anél du Plessis is Professor of Law at the North-West University (NWU), South Africa, Faculty of Law. She is currently co-heading an Alexander von Humboldt-sponsored joint research project with Prof Helmut Aust at the Freie Universität, Berlin with the focus on "Safe and Sustainable Cities". From November 2018 she will direct a newly designated five-year research chair at the North-West University focusing on Cities, Law and Environmental Sustainability.