

## INVITATION

### AGULHAS SYSTEM CLIMATE ARRAY (ASCA) SYMPOSIUM

28-29th November 2018, Cape Town, Western Cape, South Africa

The South African Environmental Observation Network (SAEON) Egagasini Node in collaboration with the DST-NRF, will be hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> Agulhas System Climate Array Symposium. The ASCA symposium will be held on the 28 November 2018 at the Seapoint Research Aquarium. A Graduate Student Network (GSN) event will take place the following day, 29 November 2018, with further details to follow.

The ASCA symposium will bring together experts from around South Africa to better understand the Agulhas Current and its impacts on ocean ecosystems – inshore and downstream. The ASCA symposium will be a great opportunity to share information, highlight activities, build partnerships and shape the future of this critical transect across the Agulhas Current. One objective for this ASCA symposium is to present available research results and to facilitate the uptake of these new results in other analyses. We thus encourage representation from not only scientists and students working on ASCA, but downstream and similarly-related research projects.

The ASCA symposium will:

- Highlight the latest information on how the Agulhas Current is changing, what is at risk and how to respond;
- Identify key knowledge gaps;
- Promote collaborations; and
- Stimulate the next generation of science and actions

Participants are encouraged to deliver a presentation on their work in one of the following two formats: Either a 5 minute speed oral presentation or a poster. Participant form and abstract templates are provided below.

#### **Important dates**

Abstract submission: 25 October 2018

Notification of abstract acceptance: 31 October 2018

Symposium Registration: 28 November 2018

GSN event: 29 November 2018 (further details to be communicated shortly)

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