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## Welcome to FLOODsite Public News

### FLOODsite at the recent COP12 Climate Conference in Nairobi



The EC invited FLOODsite to participate at the International Climate Change Conference, COP12, in Nairobi in November. It was the first time that the conference – known formally as the Twelfth Session of the Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 12) - was based in sub-Saharan Africa and the potential impacts of floods and drought in Africa was high on the political agenda. Dr Steven Wade from HR Wallingford provided one of four invited presentations in the EC “side event” on climate change and extreme events. There was considerable interest in the dissemination of research outputs within Europe and more widely to improve flood risk management in developing countries.

You can download a copy of Steven’s presentation file from the project documents pages of the FLOODsite website.

### European Symposium on Flood Risk Management Research

This event has developed from an initiative of FLOODsite and takes place on 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> February 2007. It is an opportunity to explore the breadth of work in the FLOODsite tasks and in related national and EC funded projects. The Symposium addresses the whole range of research topics in the field of flood risk management from triggering hydrometeorological events (including climate change), propagation and inundation processes of floods through to social, economic, and ecological consequences, risk reduction and societal risk management.



The event has attracted a significant public attention through its official role under the German EU-Presidency of January to June 2007. It will be opened by the Parliamentary State Secretary of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and the Director-General of DG Research of the European Commission (to be confirmed).

To ensure a well balanced programme, the Symposium Scientific Committee in conjunction with the FLOODsite Management Team (MT) has developed a programme of invited papers that will include results from research projects of both the European Community and the Member States. In addition, it will recognise the context of the proposed EU Directive on the “Assessment and Management of Floods” and deal with the 7<sup>th</sup> EU Research Framework Programme. In each session there will be at least one talk on results of FLOODsite. The structure of the sessions, which are all plenary, is available from [www.Dresden-FRC.de/EFRM\\_2007](http://www.Dresden-FRC.de/EFRM_2007), which you can also access from the FLOODsite Meetings and Events page.

### Call for Symposium Posters

All Symposium participants may offer a poster for the Symposium on any relevant project (see Call for Posters on the Symposium website). However, an abstract is required by **8<sup>th</sup> January 2007!**

### And finally ...

All here at HR Wallingford wish you a relaxing break (if you can take one!) in the coming Christmas and New Year celebrations. We look forward to meeting you at the Symposium in Dresden

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