

## Climate-change SUMMIT IMMINENT

In October 2008, the South African Department of Environmental Affairs & Tourism (DEAT) announced its official response to climate change. As early as May 2008, DEAT had already announced a National Climate Summit & Science Conference would take place in early 2009. The purpose of the summit would be "to formally launch the policy process that would translate Cabinet's climate-change policy decisions and directives into fiscal, regulatory and legislative

packages, as well as sectoral implementation plans." *Now Urban Green File* can disclose the Climate Change Summit 2009 is scheduled for March 3 to 6 2009 at Gallagher Convention Centre in Midrand. The conference sets out to "provide a platform to discuss and agree the framework for a National Climate Change Response Policy that includes, among others, fiscal, regulatory and legislative packages, as well as sectoral implementation plans".