



Britain Zimbabwe Society Research Day 2024
Climate, Environment and Development in Zimbabwe and the Diaspora

Saturday 22 June 2024 Event Format: Virtual
9.45-17.00 BST [CAT 10.45 - 18.00: EST 4.45- 12.00]

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Concept

The 2024 online Research Day will discuss the challenges and opportunities regarding climate, environment and development in Zimbabwe, the diaspora and beyond.

Although climate scepticism remains a part of climate discourse, scientific evidence and lived experience shows that climate change is real, and it is accelerating. The annual June 5 World Environment Day, the COP summits, and other events, have elevated discussions to a global priority. Debates – and controversies – continue to swirl around clean energy, fossil fuels, funding, climate diplomacy, and much else. The 2023 Africa Climate Summit and Nairobi Declaration were notable statements of intent, demonstrating that climate and environment are prime-time issues across Africa.

But beyond the trendy global and continental debates, is the local component. What does this all mean for specific countries? Every country has its own experiences. Zimbabwe too has been impacted by increasingly variable weather patterns, including El Nino induced droughts, and floods. The governments of Zimbabwe, Malawi and Zambia recently declared drought- related National Emergencies in their respective countries. Meanwhile, torrential rains and flooding have devastated parts of east Africa.

Questions around environmental sustainability and security are entwined with Zimbabwe's economy and development. These are not abstract issues: climate, environment and development are the trifecta of everyday issues which impact people across the country, and beyond.

Zimbabwe has a National Climate Policy and National Climate Change Response. Government, organisations and individuals are working to mitigate climate change and environmental impacts, but more needs to be done. At the 2024 Research Day, policy makers, researchers and community organisations will discuss and share their insights and initiatives on climate, environment and development pertaining to Zimbabwe's urban, peri-urban and rural communities.

The event will also feature diasporan and wider African and global perspectives on these keystone 21st Century issues.

Research Day 2024 continues the tradition of being a forum for the interaction of new and established voices and ideas, alongside a supportive audience. We look forward to welcoming you.

Admission is free. You are invited to add a donation to help cover the costs of organising the event. Thank you.

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