

Brace Centre / IWRM Program Talk

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## **CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS SOCIO-CULTURAL IMPLICATIONS IN CAMEROON**

Climate change impacts form a serious threat to the livelihoods of those living in the water-stressed environment of North Cameroon. In this region, the socio-cultural impacts can be devastating. The El Nino events of the 1970s and the mid-1980s, when the Sahelian droughts struck with implacable ferocity, exposed the constant vulnerability of man in the Sahelian marginal precipitation zones to the whims and caprices of climate variability. The socio-cultural impacts of climate change could be perceived through the windows of mass migration and the emergence of environmental refugees, rural unemployment of the agrarian populations, underdevelopment and the reinforcement of rural poverty, as well as threats to regional food security. While the cultural aspects that conserve the environment serve as an insurance against climate change impact should be encouraged, the good life culture continues to degrade and expose our environment to the caprices of climate change in much the same way as the cultural resignation to the concept that climate change is an act of the "gods" to be endured.

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McGill MacDonald Campus, Centennial Building, Room 1-150

10:30 – 11:30 am

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