



## ACDI Public Lecture: Carl Folke

Join the African Climate & Development Initiative in an open lecture by Prof Carl Folke entitled "Reconnecting Development to the Biosphere."

**BIOGRAPHY:** Professor Carl Folke is the Founder and Science Director of the Stockholm Resilience Centre at Stockholm University and the Director of the Beijer Institute of Ecological Economics of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences. Prof Folke has extensive experience in transdisciplinary collaboration between natural and social scientists, and has worked with ecosystem dynamics and services as well as the social and economic dimension of ecosystem management and proactive measures to manage resilience.

**THE LECTURE:** People are embedded parts of the Biosphere and both shape it, as well as fundamentally dependent on its capacity to sustain development. In resilience thinking, adaptation refers to human actions that

sustain development on current pathways, while transformation is about shifting development into novel pathways and even create new ones. Deliberate transformation involves breaking down the resilience of the old and building the resilience of the new. The interplay of key actors, social networks, bridging organizations and diverse institutions helps prepare for social-ecological transformations in the face of complexity and change and use windows of opportunities, whether environmental, economic, or political, to make it happen. Prof Folke will present new research initiatives, new forms of collaborations for Biosphere stewardship and examples of shifts towards governance of ecosystem services of landscapes and seascapes.

**VENUE:** Kramer Lecture Theatre, Middle Campus, UCT

**DATE:** Thursday, 16 October 2014

**TIME:** 17h00 for 17h30

**RSVP:** Please email Rabia Karriem at [rabia.karriem@uct.ac.za](mailto:rabia.karriem@uct.ac.za) before Friday 10 October. For more info contact 021 650 5598

Light refreshments will be served.