**Preliminary program**

**Workshop: Synergy between palaeo-scientists and stakeholders for biodiversity conservation in Madagascar and its surrounding islands**

Link to for more details: <https://pastglobalchanges.org/calendar/27027>

* Time: 13:00 – 15:00 (CET) // 15:00 – 17:00 (Madagascar)
* Duration: 2 hours

**Day 1: 23 March 2022**

***Integrating and applying palaeoecological findings to policy and management at local, regional, national and international scale***

***Session 1: presentation case studies (13:00-14:30)***

**13:00-13:15**: Welcoming participants and speakers, workshop introduction, housekeeping, program for the two days

**13:15-13:30**: Professor Simon Haberle, Director of the School of Culture, History and Language, Australian National University, Australia ⇒ Case of the Asia Pacific region /CABAH as a model to integrate palaeo and musuems, palaeo and education/schools

**13:30-13:45**: Doctor Charuta Kalkarni, Independent researcher ⇒ Case of India, fire management and agroforestry

**13:45-14:00**: Doctor Anneli Ekblom, Department of Archaeology and Ancient History Uppsala University => Case of Mozambique and Southern Africa (Cultural heritage and conservation)

**14:00-14:15**: Professor Robert Marchant, University of York, England ⇒ Case of tropical Africa, transdisciplinary approach, conservation/climate change

**14:15-14:30**: Professor Lindsey Gillson, Deputy Director, Plant Conservation Unit, University of Cape Town, South Africa ⇒ Western Cape, South Africa, African region, Biodiversity conservation and restoration

***Session 2: Follow up on the presentations, exchange about experience and challenges of collaboration (14:30-15:00)***

**Day 2: 24 March 2022**

***Palaeoecological research and application in Madagascar and its surrounding islands and project elaboration***

***Session 1 Presentations: Palaeoecological research and application in Madagascar and its surrounding islands, 1.5 hours (13:00 -14:35, CET)***

**13:00-13:05**: Short introduction & summary of day 1

**13:05-13:20**: Professor Jens Zinke, University of Leicester, England (marine conservation)

**13:20-13:35**: Doctor Erik de Boer, Institute of Earth Sciences Jaume Almera, Spain, Mascareigns (Indian Ocean islands biodiversity conservation and palaeoecology)

**13:35-13:50**: Liesa Brosens, KU Leuven, Belgium (Lac Alaotra; wetlands conservation or/and lemur conservation)

**13:50-14:05**: Andriantsilavo H.I. Razafimanantsoa, University of Cape Town, South Africa, (Central Highlands, restoration and reforestation, fire management)

**14:05-14:20**: Dr. Vincent Montade, ISEM Montpellier, (Montagne d'Ambre and Nosy Be, conservation and relevance of papeodata)

**14:20-14:35**: OBT Lab members, Pennsylvania State University (SW Madagascar, community inclusion/local development & conservation project)

***Session 2: Breakout and closing (14:35-15:30)***

***14:35-15:15: Discussion and breakout groups: Challenges and opportunities of collaboration between palaeo-scientists and conservation stakeholders***

This session will be based on a focus group discussion (30mn), people will be grouped as palaeoscientists, other fields, conservationists, policymakers. Project elaboration focusing on the case of Indian Ocean islands: have some preliminary discussion in their respective field of work (Research for academic and applied for policy makers and stakeholders). Establish a skeleton of project that would include for e.g. restoration, environmental education, wetlands conservation, and fire management.

**15:15-15:25**: Representant of the group will be presenting the results to the whole participants

**15:25-15:30**: Closing and guidelines for the face-to-face workshop at the end of the year in Madagascar