

Excitement mounts ahead of COP 17

Green Felt Hearts Poetry Arts Experience in conjunction with Alliance Française de Durban (AF) will dress in green for fun-filled green activities on Friday, 18 November 2011 at 2.30pm in Sutton Road, Morningside, Durban

Some of the excitement includes a 10-day to COP17 Living Green bike ride from the Green Hub (31 Steibel Place, Blue Lagoon) to AF, arriving at 2:30pm. Cyclists will assemble at the Green Hub at 1pm. KZN Blind Tandem Cycling will be along for the ride. There will also be a tree planting initiative to encourage people to plant trees to offset the carbon loading in the atmosphere. Planting trees allows the public to both value and enjoy their natural environment, protect it and enhance it for future generations.

Writing Green, a group message from the youth of Durban to the youth of France, will also be formulated. The ArrowsA-Bechet Ubuntu S'dumo Bike will be on display. Ubuntu Bike is a supportive creative tool to emphasise one of the themes of Cycles 4 Social Justice (C4SJ) which is, Clean Technology 4 A Green Economy. C4SJ hopes to use the Ubuntu Bike to inspire a love for the cycle as new methodologies are being used to counter climate change/disruption. Ubuntu S'dumo Bike is already being used as an awareness symbol for COP17. The tree planting



ArrowsA-Bechet Ubuntu S'dumo Bike at a recent sandcastle building competition

celebration will be followed by a play titled Women Greening the Nation performed by six women from the Durban University of Technology (DUT) Drama Department on the topic of climate change,

global warming and the environment.

Bike enthusiasts interested in joining the 10-day to COP17 Living Green bike ride should contact

the Green Hub at 031 303 8476. For more information about the tree planting celebration at AF, contact Mikhail Peppas (ecology and cycling) at 073 923 1446.