



Commemorate Earth Day 2021 at the University of Johannesburg

The Centre for Africa-China Studies (CACCS) at the University of Johannesburg calls on all students and staff as well as members of the public to commemorate Earth Day on Thursday 22 April 2021. The theme for this year's event is 'Restore our Earth'. Now more than ever, there is a urgent need to act in ways that would enable the earth to regenerate – among others to address climate change and environmental degradation.

Who are we?

The CACS is a research institute at the University of Johannesburg. We specialise in knowledge generation/production while being cognisant of the importance of implementing our research findings in our immediate environment and beyond.

What is Earth Day?

Earth Day is a global movement born out of the need to protect our planet. It began in 1970s, and went global in 1990. Since then, activists, organisations, and others the world over seek to commemorate this day in an appropriate way. Climate change and environmental challenges are vital issues in Africa. Therefore, it is important to prioritise the environment vis-à-vis economic development.

Activities for the day

Due to COVID-19, no suitable public event could be organised. However we would like to invite all staff and students at UJ as well as members of the public to:

Pick up trash in your immediate environment: on campus, in residential areas, business areas, transport hubs, parks and other public spaces. We will place trash bags, gloves and other material in strategic places on the UJ campus. Please use them productively. Once they have been filled, please tie the bags properly and place them next to the nearest rubbish bin.

Start a vegetable garden: This can be done in many ways other than digging a garden in a specific place, such as vertical gardening and hydroponics. The produce could be used to feed yourself and your family, or sold to earn or supplement an income.

Please take a photo of yourself doing something for the environment and post it on social media. Please tag us using #CACSEarthDayDrive. Thank you for participating!



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