



## SALLnet – South African Limpopo Landscapes Network

## Seminar

## Simon Scheiter (Senckenberg Biodiversity and Climate Research Centre) African biomes are most sensitive to changes in CO<sub>2</sub> under recent and near-future CO<sub>2</sub> conditions

Current rates of climate and atmospheric change are likely higher than during the last millions of years. Vegetation cannot keep pace with these changes and lags behind climate. We used a vegetation model to study how these lags are influenced by  $CO_2$  and fire in Africa. Our results indicate that vegetation is most sensitive to  $CO_2$  change under current and near-future conditions and that vegetation will be committed to further change even if  $CO_2$  emissions are reduced and the climate stabilizes.



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