

## CSIR contributing authors share in the joy of Noble Peace prize

Acknowledgements poured in for Dr Bob Scholes and Monga Mehlwana, both of CSIR Natural Resources and the Environment, whose input into the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) contributed to this institution's recent 2007 Nobel Peace prize crowning.

The IPCC has released climate change assessment reports every five years since the early 1990s. According to Scholes, the reports comprise three volumes that correspond with the three working groups of the IPCC, namely those on science, impact and mitigation. For the latest report, which was released earlier in 2007, Scholes was a lead author of the chapter on agriculture in the working group on mitigation, while Mehlwana was a lead author of the chapter on energy in the same working group.



Dr Bob Scholes (front) and Monga Mehlwana

Scholes' involvement in the IPCC dates back to 2000. He was a convening lead author in the third assessment report in 2001 of the chapter on Africa (in the impact working group), and a lead author of the science working group chapter on the carbon cycle. He was also a member of the 30-person team that wrote the overall synthesis, as well as a convening lead author of the IPCC special report on 'land use, land use change and forestry' in 2000.

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