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PART A: Editorial Office Only

SECTION I

Reviewer's Name:	Dr. Gbadebo Odularu	
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Discussion Paper Number:	2013-12	
Title:	South African Food Security and Climate Change: Agriculture Futures	
Authors:	Sikhalazo Dube, Robert J. Scholes, Gerald C. Nelson, Daniel Mason- D'Croz, and Amanda Palazzo	

PART B: Reviewer Only

SECTION II: Comments per Section of Manuscript

General comment:	 South Africa is one of the highest contributors to environmental pollution due to it enormously increasing consumption of fossil fuels. In an attempt for South Africa to attain food security(meet the UN MDG1) as well as to promote environmental sustainability (UN MDG7), this article is very relevant in response to the daunting development challenges that confronts South Africa as one of the BRICS member countries and more importantly as an aggressively emerging African economy.
Introduction:	This section is good. Though, it seems the objectives are not clearly expressed and distinguished from the other subsections.
Literature Review	The authors consulted a number of current literatures in the process of developing the article.
Methodology:	The methodology adopted by the authors is okay. It forms the basis for the policy recommendations that are

	suggested in the article.
Results:	 The FAOStat (2010) data presented by the authors needs to be updated. The data in Figures 12 – 17 of the article needs to be updated.
Discussion: Conclusions and Policy Implications	1. The section on policy implication has to be well gleaned out. In other words, the conclusion does not seem to incorporate a set of workable policy recommendations. Lumping policy recommendations together with the conclusion may not bring out very clearly the policy implications of the issue at hand. Thus, the authors need to expand the policy prescription subsection of the article.

SECTION II (Cont.)

Bibliography/References:	Good.
Others:	 There is a need for the authors to include more information on how South Africa is responding to continental and regional initiatives which relate to food security and climate change. The sections and sub-sections of the article need to be numbered. They may be confusing as they currently are in the article. Table 2 on page 13 should also include other human development indicators (HDIs). And a more recent WDI publication should be used in order to update the data that is being analysed. A couple of typographical errors page 12 and page 42.
Decision:	Please see section IV (recommendation) below.

SECTION III - Please rate the following: (1 = Excellent) (2 = Good) (3 = Fair) (4 = poor)

Originality:	3
Contribution To The Field:	2
Technical Quality:	2
Clarity Of Presentation:	3
Depth Of Research:	2

SECTION IV - Recommendation: (Kindly Mark With An X)

Accept As Is:	
Requires Minor Corrections:	X
Requires Moderate Revision:	
Requires Major Revision:	
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