

# Overarching lessons learnt

Climate Change Learning Exchange

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- **Partnering** with other institutions (academia, NGOs, business) can provide access to resources such as data, human capacity and funds.
- Joining a **network** of cities focusing on climate change can assist with sharing of knowledge and accessing funding collectively.
- Climate change should be **mainstreamed** into the existing work of line departments and **champions** identified.
- Cities with limited capacity should focus on the human and natural resources that they do have and work from there.

- Climate change projects often have **co-benefits** and if demonstrated effectively can help to motivate for **funding**.
- Engaging with communities provides an opportunity for **co-learning** – Accessing indigenous knowledge and sharing scientific data
- It is vitally important that **political leaders** are engaged with when planning for climate change and that they understand the multiple benefits that these projects can have- economic benefits, social benefits etc.

- **Start small** in the most vulnerable areas and work from the bottom up with the **resources** that your municipality has.
- **Reliable data** is vital in preparing for climate change. Draw on academics and other research organisations to assist with research that is required.
- Make use of existing **resources** freely available ie DEA “Lets Respond toolkit”
- Rigorous **reporting** of climate change interventions and savings made can help to leverage funding internally and externally.