



POST LEARNING EVENT REPORTING TEMPLATE

As part of eThekweni Municipality's commitment to strengthen our organisation's culture of learning and sharing, this form presents information on a recent out of town trip, visit, learning exchange undertaken by an official from the municipality. This information will be posted on the MILE website (www.mile.org.za) in the interest of advancing our **KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT** agenda. Thank you for taking the time to complete the form.

1. What was the NAME OF THE EVENT?

4th Global Forum on Urban Resilience and Adaptation

2. The DATE attended:

31/05/2013 to 03/06/2013

3. VENUE

(further details on venue)

Gustav-Stresseman Institut, Bonn, Germany

4. OFFICIALS WHO ATTENDED?

Dr Debra Roberts and Dr Sean O'Donoghue

5. What area of expertise did the event cover?

Culture, heritage and sport	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering and the built environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT and Finance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic development and Tourism	<input type="checkbox"/>	Health and Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	City strategy and planning	x
Energy and the natural environment	x	Good governance	x		

Other: climate change adaptation and resiliency planning

6. What was the PURPOSE OF THE EVENT, THE BROAD OBJECTIVES, AND THEMES? Why was it of importance?

From a Durban perspective it was the promotion of the Durban Adaptation Charter as a key pillar of this annual congress. The broad objective was to host a special plenary of the DAC and a signing ceremony for mayors attending RC 2013. This enhanced implementation of the DAC globally, as well as providing an opportunity for key partners in implementing the DAC to meet in person.

7. What in your opinion are some of the KEY LEARNINGS that you came away with? In other words, what stood out for you? Were there any "aha!" learning moments that you can share with colleagues? What were some of the KEY OBSERVATIONS that were important or different?

Congress reflections:

- Adaptation now exceeds mitigation in representation at the congress. There is still the feeling, though, that adaptation without mitigation will not be enough.
- During the plenary presentation by Hans Beerfeltz, there was an emphasis put on cities having a regional impact. This agrees with our current strategy for the DAC – cascading influence.
- A common theme has been alignment between LG and science/ academic institutions. There have been frequent reports of misunderstanding in initial communications between these players.
- The value of an integrated top down/ bottom up approach was a recurring theme

8. As a result of this event, what is the ONE CHANGE that you may consider making backing back at work, if any? What follow ups are envisaged?

The adoption of the regional hub approach to implementing the DAC. See attached notes from the congress.

9. Please indicate details of useful CONTACTS AND NETWORKS that were established during the event?

DAC signatories that will be involved in the development of regional hubs around the DAC. See DAC meeting minutes for these

10. One of the key functions of our MILE website is to serve as a repository of LEARNING DOCUMENTATION, VIDEOS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND OTHER RESOURCE MATERIAL. Please can send such material to mile@durban.gov.za so that it can be uploaded onto our website.

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