



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?

CityLinks Climate Smart Development Training

2. The DATE attended:

May 16th – 20th, 2016

3. VENUE

(further details on venue)

Bangkok, Thailand in the USAID training centre

4. OFFICIALS WHO ATTENDED?

Sean O'Donoghue and Zama Khuzwayo from eThekweni Municipality, but part of a delegation of five officials from the Durban Adaptation Charter's Central KZN Climate Change Compact.

5. What area of expertise did the event cover?

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

Other: Climate change adaptation and low emissions development

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

This was the culminating event of the five year CityLinks Climate Smart Exchange Programme. Durban, and the DAC have participating to two exchange city projects (with Fort Lauderdale and Broward County in Florida USA as well as Kinondoni Municipality in Dar es Salaam in Tanzania) that have been funded by the CityLinks Programme. This catalyzed the development of further exchange visits with the cities of Quelimane and Pemba in Mozambique, and the development of the DAC Hub and Compact approach, which has pushed the development of compacts throughout South African municipalities.

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?

The importance of initiating conversations using a bottom up approach to governance. In South Africa we see terrible service delivery and other protests that could be alleviated if better communication happened between government and people.

The importance of capacitating our Municipal leaders also emerged as a key point

Clearly, many cities are faced by similar climate impact challenges. Often, these challenges and particularly responses can broadly be grouped by the developmental status of the city. For example, coastal erosion is a problem shared by both developing and developed cities at the workshop, but the solutions employed differ substantially. Developed economy cities like Fort Lauderdale and Gold Coast (which by comparison with Legazpi (Philippines), Le Ceiba (Honduras), Durban and Dar es Salaam is developed) employ high technology and costly solutions for beach replenishment through sand and water pumping schemes. In the developing cities, the problem is exacerbated by sand mining and poor governance and control measures, as well as the fact that the process of development places a great burden of demand on these resources. Solutions include improving governance, awareness of the problems created by sand mining and innovative ways of raising funds to deal with the issue, like tourism levies in the case of Honduras.

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 open communication lines between city officials from Dar es Salaam and Legazpi is something to which we need to aspire to in Durban. In redesigning Durban's climate change work programme, we will look to improve our ability to communicate with ordinary residents to better understand the challenges they are facing and the solutions that could benefit them. This could be done through the annual Quality of Life Survey, by introducing climate change questions.

Implement targeted interventions through SALGA to reach specific groups of people e.g. political leadership, specific line functions etc. from different municipalities to advance the work of the CKZNCCC. This should include a traditional leadership event.

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

A number of contacts were obtained that include city officials (and connecting over information sharing) and USAID leaders. These contacts can be shared as and when required.

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.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO BUILD A LEARNING ORGANISATION

