



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?

ICLEI Local Climate Solutions for Africa (LoCS) Congress 2017

2. The DATE attended:

22-24 March 2017

3. VENUE

(further details on venue)

South Africa, Birchwood Conference Centre, EKhuruleni Municipality

4. OFFICIALS WHO ATTENDED?

Councillors Mondli Mthembu and Siphon Kaunda

Dr Sean O'Donoghue

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 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 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Good governance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |

Other:

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

The Local Climate Solutions for Africa (LoCS4Africa) Congress series provides a unique and accessible platform for local and sub-national authorities to connect with business and industry, investors, scientists, technical experts, development partners, national governments and civil society to share and consolidate their vision, build consensus and forge new innovative partnerships to accelerate local climate action in Africa.

LoCS4Africa 2017 will focus on water for cities and is scheduled to coincide with World Water Day (22 March). The Congress will connect Africa's urban development challenges related to water and climate resilience with solutions and new

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Venue: The Birchwood Hotel & OR Tambo Conference Centre, Viewpoint road, Bartlett, Boksburg

Opportunities for access to finance & technology, inclusivity through design and building more resilient urban communities. LoCS4Africa 2017 will provide a unique opportunity to connect Africa's urban leaders with each other. It will also connect these leaders with development and investment agencies, the private sector and technical experts.

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 benefits of attending LoCS 2017 was the strengthening of political support for eThekweni's climate change work through the attendance at the Congress of the two councillors. These councillors have requested presentation of the City's climate change work to better understand how we are addressing climate change. The Congress also provided an opportunity to make progress with the DAC Hub and Compact approach by providing a meeting point for the partnership. My aha moment was seeing how much progress congress participants have made, in terms of understanding and communication about climate change at this event, which is held biennially and which I've attended since 2013. This was a wonderful realisation. There is also very strong political support for climate change work across the continent.

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?

It is not so much a change, but rather we will focus on strengthening our communication with political and line function leadership to deepen support for our work.

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

These can be obtained by contacting me personally. Practically, a meeting with a representative of national treasury to further implement climate change finance support was very useful.

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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