



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?

Department of Environment Affairs Training Workshop on Integrating Climate Change Adaptation into Development Planning

2. The DATE attended:

13/01/2014 to 16/01/2014

3. VENUE

(further details on venue)

Mount Grace, North West Province, South Africa

4. OFFICIALS WHO ATTENDED?

Dr Sean O'Donoghue, Manager, Climate Protection Branch, Environmental Planning and Climate Protection Department; Development, Planning, Environmental and Management Unit; Economic Development and Planning Cluster.

5. What area of expertise did the event cover?

Culture, heritage and sport	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering and the built environment	x	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

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

The purpose of this GIZ-funded training workshop was to promote the integration of climate change adaptation principles into development planning initiatives at all levels of government, from National to Local. It provided a practical-based interactive platform to learn how to conduct basic risk assessments, identify and prioritize adaptation options and incorporate these into development planning processes.

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 idea of seeing development through a climate lens was particularly useful. It is not possible to engage meaningfully with development if climate change is not mainstreamed throughout this process. Once again, I was struck by the importance of connecting with colleagues and counterparts from the provincial and national levels of government, and the need to work together to ensure that adaptation policies at local level align with those at these other two levels of government and the Long Term Adaptation Scenarios

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?

A member of the Climate Protection Branch Scientists team will be assigned the task of working closely with the appropriate colleagues at other government levels, as well as with colleagues from surrounding municipalities, to ensure that the work done by eThekweni Municipality does not exist in a vacuum, and that we develop a regionally-appropriate approach to addressing climate change adaptation.

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

A number of directors from the National Department of Environmental Affairs Directorates were present, and these proved to be very useful contacts. There were also junior staff from these Directorates, who will be useful in terms of providing a contact when working on projects. A number of provincial representatives from around the country will also help to provide a network of adaptation practitioners, who will subscribe to the South African Adaptation Network.

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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