



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?

International Seminar on the Rights to the City

2. The DATE attended:

20-22 April 2016

3. VENUE

(further details on venue)

Mexico City

4. OFFICIALS WHO ATTENDED?

Puvendra Akkiah

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

Other:

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

The objective of the seminar was to reestablish the Rights to the City concept and garner support for the inclusion of the concept into the Habitat 3 discussions. The Right to the City is not a new concept and was started in 1960 in France, however more recently the Latin American and Central American cities have taken up the concept and developed it further.

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?

Key learning

- Right to the city is a collective right and not individual right
- Key to building socially cohesive cities
- need to ensure that right to the city is globally accepted as a concept to build inclusive cities
- The NGO sector is critical to development of the Right to the City concept
- There is a gradual and steady increase in the awareness of the Right to The City
- Right to the city is a participatory approach to city development
- Not many cities have incorporated the Right to the City in their strategy for development

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?

Many of the concepts that were discussed in the conference e.g. vulnerable groups, feeding schemes, public participation etc. are currently implemented by the municipality; however it is not seen as Rights to the City approach. In the new IDP there should be a suggestion that from a governance perspective that we should look at using the Right to the City concept as a tool to guide our planning and implementation.

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

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