



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?

DAC Secretariat meeting with USAID Southern African Mission

2. The DATE attended:

17/04/2014 to

3. VENUE

(further details on venue)

The meeting took place near the USAID Southern Africa Mission offices in Pretoria, South Africa.

4. OFFICIALS WHO ATTENDED?

Dr Debra Roberts, Deputy Head: Environmental Planning and Climate Protection Department

Dr Sean O'Donoghue, Manager: Climate Protection Branch

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 | x | Good governance | x | | |

Other: Climate change adaptation and the implementation of the Durban Adaptation Charter

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

The Durban Adaptation Charter (DAC), which was led by eThekweni Municipality and became the key outcome of the Durban Local Government Convention, held in parallel with Durban's hosting of COP17/ CMP7, commits all signatories to adhering to its ten principles for climate change adaptation at a local government level. With over 970 signatory cities around the globe, of which 76 % are African and 94 % cities from developing countries, the DAC has an international influence and has elevated Durban's reputation as one of the global leaders in the field of climate change adaptation, and a champion of the Global South.

The implementation of the Durban Adaptation Charter (DAC) involves the forming of regional partnerships, one part of this is with surrounding municipalities, which encourages the potential to streamline adaptation efforts including improving efficiency and increasing funding opportunities for the region, improving awareness raising regionally and integrating adaptation efforts. All this work will benefit communities in need of adaptation, communities particularly vulnerable to climate change that are under developed with high rates unemployment. USAID has funded a number of DAC efforts so far, this includes the Implementation Guidance workshop, the Citylinks exchange visits and, potentially the Durban DAC regional Partnership. We also will be proposing that USAID uses the DAC signatory base to increase the effectiveness of the adaptation work in the Southern African Region. This will be a mutually beneficial partnership and potentially useful in improving the reputation of our Municipality and effectiveness of our work.

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?

This was a very useful meeting in that we gained an insider's view of how the funding mechanism works within USAID. There were clear outlines given about what can and cannot be funded within the DAC by USAID Southern Africa mission. Two clear opportunities emerged for potential funding of DAC events over the course of the next 18 months. One is a potential capacity building workshop prior to Durban's hosting of LOCS 2015 Congress. This will enable African leaders to congregate and determine a negotiating position for Paris 2015 COP21.

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 aim to invite former US President, Mr Al Gore to oversee the LOCS training event using his Climate Reality Project

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

Contacts with USAID Southern African Mission

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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