



## 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](http://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 Congress 2013

### 2. The DATE attended:

29/10/2014 to 1/11/2014

### 3. VENUE

(further details on venue)

The event was held at the Kunduchi Hotel in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Participation at this event by Municipal Officials was funded by Engagement Global on condition that at least one official participated in a follow up event held on 2nd November 2013.

### 4. OFFICIALS WHO ATTENDED?

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

Dr Sean O'Donoghue, Manager: Climate Protection Branch

**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	x
Economic development and Tourism	x	Health and Safety	x	City strategy and planning	x
Energy and the natural environment	x	Good governance	x		

Other: through the lens of climate change adaptation and mitigation

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

The purpose of the event was to catalyse climate change action through the identification of solutions relevant to African cities. The themes were broad ranging from governance to city planning. Climate change is likely to have a major impact on cities of the Global South. One of the most important ways of tackling climate change is capacity building and awareness raising. This congress achieved both of these aims through interactive sessions and training workshops. The purpose of eThekweni Municipality officials for attending this event was to promote the Durban Adaptation Charter and to obtain a commitment from Dar es Salaam leaders to pursue a range of CityLinks programme exchange city activities to enhance the capacity of these two cities to implement climate change measures.

**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 local level leadership in driving climate change action. A key observation was the level of political support given to climate change adaptation (and the DAC). The Vice President of Tanzania, and the Minister of Urban Settlements both encouraged all members of the Association of Local Authorities in Tanzania (ALAT) to sign the DAC. A special signing ceremony was held during the closing plenary where about 100 ALAT members committed to the ten principles of implementation contained within the DAC.

**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 of our work that we're considering, but rather that we received confirmation that our plan of action is a good one. The plan for implementation of the DAC is to conduct a series of exchange visits between Dar es Salaam and Durban around capacity building and training within common climate change challenges shared by the municipality. The enthusiastic response from members of the Association of Local Authorities in Tanzania (ALAT) provided encouragement about the potential for building partnerships in the region. This should have a positive impact on climate change adaptation in the region.

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

Mr Habraham Shamumoyo, Secretary General, ALAT. My Shamumoyo will be the hub through which we communicate with ALAT members, and may develop into a climate change adaptation champion in Tanzania.

Engineer Mussa Natty is our current climate change champion in Dar es Salaam, through which we planned the signing ceremony. Engineer Natty confirmed his commitment to work through the DAC to set up the exchange visits.

Getting to know the members of ALAT was very useful, as these mayors and city leaders will become the champions for adaptation implementation within the DAC.

**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](mailto:mile@durban.gov.za) so that it can be uploaded onto our website.**

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