



## 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?

Local Climate Solutions for Africa 2013

### 2. The DATE attended:

29/10/2014 to 1/11/2014

### 3. VENUE

(further details on venue)

Kunduchi Beach Hotel, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

### 4. OFFICIALS WHO ATTENDED?

Magash Naidoo - Project Manager: Energy Office.

**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                       | <input type="checkbox"/> |                            |                          |

Other:

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

The LOCS 2013 programme aims to achieved three important strategic outcomes as well as focusing on sharing of best practices latest trends and connecting cities on the topic of climate resilience:

1. Connecting the global climate movement to the voice of Africa local government – on the path to Paris 2015 and HABITAT III 2016
2. Facilitating the development of a path towards mechanism for access to climate financing and investment for African local governments.
3. Launching of the ICLEI – Africa – Local Climate Solutions work programme for African local governments.

Source: <http://locs4africa.iclei.org/main-objectives/>

The key themes during the sessions were :

1. Financing Local Climate Resilience
2. A Decade of Piloting: Lessons learned from Africa on innovative resilient local government planning and policy.
3. Research driving innovation: strengthening the science-policy interface in African local governments.
4. Resilient urban water planning and management in Africa.
5. Integrating urban energy transitions: lessons from South Africa
6. Urban food and nutrition security and climate change: A system of flows.

In addition eThekweni Municipality is one of three cities in Africa, the only one in South Africa, that is parting in the Global Protocol for Community-Scale Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GPC) Pilot. As such there was also a workshop and discussion around the pilot

The conference was important because it allowed Municipal officials from across the continent to interact and discuss climate change issues affecting Municipalities. This included challenges being faced, responses to challenges and current projects. Furthermore, the conference was an excellent networking platform, with new contacts being established throughout the world.

**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?**

While there have many technical lessons learnt, the key lesson is that when we have approached financing we have always thought in terms of large scale financing. There is a huge opportunity to utilise micro-financing (e.g.) crowd financing to stimulate green entrepreneurial activities.

While climate change might not be focus for many people, it does offer the opportunity to achieve multiple objectives. It is a matter of being creative and innovative with solutions, so exiting resources can be better leveraged

We were also introduced to a tool, the BEST tool, that asses the current development of communities (not Municipal level but community level) with respective to a number of areas. These areas include water, food, service, etc. The tool then allowed you to input activities to address the areas in which the community fell short; it would then calculate the increased benefit for the community. This is purely from an infrastructure perspective. It does not take into account the social elements. This tool guided our thinking in a way that was most efficient in highlighting the problem areas and creating appropriate responses. The point is that the use of good and appropriate tools can greatly contribute to making more comprehensive decisions

**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?**

I would not limit the number of changes to one specific intervention.

1. I have noticed that there have been numerous local governments that have rolled-out or are planning to roll-out a number of projects that are very similar to the projects that we have already implemented. Therefore, there is a medium to high probability that other local governments would have, in some form, planned or rolled-out projects that we intend to roll-out. As a result it would be good to undertake expanded assessments of what cities are doing, as many lessons and experiences can be shared. This will naturally benefit us and any other municipality by not wasting resources learning the same thing others have learnt; rather the resources can be directed for more efficient causes.

2. I will also endeavor to continue to build my network with other cities/ local governments not only in South Africa and Africa but also across the world.

3. Better access to information, more specifically accurate, reliable and current data is critical. This is because information is what most decisions are based on. Therefore, constantly tracking new information and looking for new information sources is critical to making well informed decisions.

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

Fong Wee Kean, PhD. – Senior Associate – Greenhouse Gas Protocol – World Resources Institute

Seth Schultz – Director Research – C40 Cities

Telly Chauke – Specialist: Environment and Climate Change – SALGA

Nicola da Schio – Partnership Specialist – United Nations Environment Programme

Maryke van Staden – Senior Project Manager – ICLEI Low-Carbon City Agenda

Marcus Mayr – Associate Human Settlements Officer: Climate Change Planning Unit: Urban Planning & Design Branch – UN Habitat

Hastings Chikoko – Regional Director for Africa - C40 Cities

Solly Mabunda – Director – International Relations – City of Tshwane

Aditya Kumar – Slum Dwellers International

The list is not limited to the individual mentioned above.

**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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