



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?

Symposium for Contemporary Conservation Practice

2. The DATE attended:

6/11/2014 to 8/11/2014

3. VENUE

(further details on venue)

Fern Hill Conference Centre
Howick, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

4. OFFICIALS WHO ATTENDED?

Errol Douwes, Lyle Ground, Rashieda Davids, Cameron McLean, Bheka Nxele, Bheka Memela

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

Exploring the practice, science and value of nature conservation

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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?

Cities such as Durban form important international and local hubs for distribution and demand creation for products of wildlife crime. Even though crimes may not be committed within the municipal area, we need to co-operate with regional and national agencies, from both the public, law enforcement and NGO sector to combat demand and transit.

An important debate on fracking in the Northern Cape was dominated by supportive panelists, due to the unfortunate non-attendance of an expert scientist. There is a great danger if we do not counter deleterious environmental policy/activity in the public communications sphere as scientists. The public relations campaign of fossil fuel extracting companies are much slicker than our own, and the public need our scientific knowledge crafted carefully in a manner that the layman can understand, for us to counter negative and spurious policy/activity campaigns.

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?

Keeping abreast of environmental events and movements in the media, and applying this to our municipal area, either as learning, or as a warning flag.

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

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.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO BUILD A LEARNING ORGANISATION