



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?

Exploratory visit for the Durban Adaptation Charter ICMA CityLinks Exchange Programme between Durban and Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

2. The DATE attended:

12/05/2014 to 16/05/2014

3. VENUE

(further details on venue)

Tanzania. This USAID-sponsored CityLinks Exchange Visit was primarily within Kinondoni Municipality within Dar Es Salaam, but an overnight trip was made up to the town of Tanga, where the DAC was presented at the Association for Local Authorities in Tanzania (ALAT) Annual General Meeting, and Local Authorities were invited to sign the Charter.

4. OFFICIALS WHO ATTENDED?

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

Dr Andrew Mather, Project Executive, Coastal Stormwater and Catchment Management Department

Dr Sean O'Donoghue, Manager: Climate Protection Branch

The delegation also included:

Ms Jessica Cho, Programme Manager: CityLinks, ICMA

Ms Margaret McKenzie, Urban Earth

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	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic development and Tourism	x	Health and Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	City strategy and planning	x
Energy and the natural environment	x	Good governance	x		

Other: Climate change adaptation under the banner of the Durban Adaptation Charter

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

The main aim of the visit was to identify areas of collaboration in the field of climate change adaptation between Dar Es Salaam and Durban. Broadly, the two cities aim to enter into a partnership as hubs in the global implementation of the DAC, so an objective was to gain an agreement around pursuing this partnership. A further aim was to gather support for the DAC amongst ALAT members and to plan capacity building opportunities.

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?

Whilst we were able to establish a firm commitment to collaborate on sea level rise action at Dar Es Salaam, I was very impressed with how well the lower levels of governance operate within Kinondoni Municipality. There is a strong line of communication and cooperation between the municipality, its wards and sub-ward structures. This would be useful to develop in Durban. I was also amazed, given the high levels of poverty, at how few people were begging, and at how many micro-enterprises were apparent. This suggests a population that is willing to try to start a business.

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?

There were a number of outcomes:

- 1) Durban and Dar Es Salaam will work towards formalising this relationship either through a Sister City Partnership, or an MOU.
- 2) Once the above is in place, Durban and Dar Es Salaam will collaborate on sea level rise action. Dr Mather will provide scientific input on Dar Es Salaam's sea wall project, and two Dar Es Salaam engineers will be invited to Durban for capacity building (with the councillors of 3 below).
- 3) Kinondoni Municipality will fund the travel and accommodation of a number of city councillors and technical staff to participate in a climate change focussed capacity-building workshop in Durban.
- 4) Durban will provide in-kind support to Kinondoni Municipality to establish a regional hub for adaptation implementation under the DAC, and a capacity building workshop is being planned for ALAT members. Funding will be sought through international donor agencies.
- 5) Dar Es Salaam and Durban will work towards hosting the first regional workshop on Africa adaptation prior to the Local Climate Solutions for Africa Congress 2015.

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

Engineer Mussa Natty, Municipal Director Kindoni introduced the delegation to his team across a number of sectors including engineering, town planning, health, water and waste management. The delegation met with Kinondoni Municipality Mayor as well as (informally) meeting the Tanzanian Prime Minister.

The delegation also met national counterparts within the Tanzanian Government and the local tertiary institution champions.

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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