



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?

International Workshop of the Municipal Climate Partnerships: Presentation of Joint Action Programme

2. The DATE attended:

11/06/2013 to 13/06/2013

3. VENUE

(further details on venue)

Germany

4. OFFICIALS WHO ATTENDED?

Jo Boule:

Manager: Policy Implementation Branch, Environmental Planning and Climate Protection Department;

Lungi Ndlovu:

Environmentalist: Policy Implementation Branch, Environmental Planning and Climate Protection Department;

Shelley Gielink:

Senior Manager: International Projects and Donor Relations

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 | | 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 eThekweni Municipality is an active member of the 50 Municipal Climate Partnerships by 2015 Programme which is being jointly implemented by the Service Agency Communities in One World and the North Rhine-Westphalian Working Party on Agenda 21 (LAG 21 NRW) and Municipalities in Africa and Germany. The project is supported by an executive committee decision of the German Association of Cities, as well as by the German Association of Towns and Municipalities and the German Association of Counties. The vision of the programme is that, through a process of professional peer-to-peer dialogue and exchange of experiences, in conjunction with the mutual secondment of local government experts, the municipal actors from Germany and their counterparts will develop bilateral joint action programmes on climate change mitigation and adaptation. The expertise of the German municipalities and non-governmental organisations involved in the programme in the fields of policy advice, knowledge transfer, capacity building and methodologies for good governance are made available for the benefit of partners in Africa. At the same time the German municipalities also profit from the experiences of their partner municipalities.

After a successful launch of the programme in 2011, nine pilot partnerships between German and African municipalities from Ghana, South Africa and Tanzania have been working on joint programmes of action for climate change mitigation and adaptation.

The purpose of the workshop was to present the joint action programme of the partnerships and strategise on how to take the partnerships forward.

Themes for discussion were:

- Continuation of collaboration within the Municipal Climate Partnerships
- Implementation of the Joint Action Programmes
- Perspectives for further cooperation within the network of the Municipal Climate Partnership

The technical discussions were around the following themes:

- Ecosystem based climate change adaptation
- Use of renewable energy sources
- Research, education and awareness raising in the realm of climate change
- Urban green areas and biodiversity
- Waste management
- Water and wastewater management

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?

Observations:

We observed that the success that eThekweni Municipality is having in implementing the joint action programme is partly due to the fact that the programme and the partnership's goals are in line with municipal objectives. The programme has been integrated into how the municipality approaches climate change adaptation.

It was also observed that eThekweni Municipality is seen as a leader in the sphere of climate change adaptation; Mayor James Nxumalo is regarded as a champion in this regard.

Learnings:

We learnt about the importance of bringing in political representation into the programme and the need to communicate on the programme was highlighted.

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?

We will be conducting a programme evaluation where we will consider how we can broaden the programme to include more stakeholders and to communicate more effectively with those who need to understand more about the climate adaptation programme for which we are responsible.

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

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