



## 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?

Poverty Environment Partnership: 18th Annual Meeting 2013

### 2. The DATE attended:

14/05/2013 to 5/6/2013

### 3. VENUE

(further details on venue)

Germany, GIZ Headquarters, Berlin

#### 4. OFFICIALS WHO ATTENDED?

Errol Douwes

#### 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   | x                        | 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: Biodiversity conservation and climate change adaptation

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

Building an Inclusive Green Economy for all and moving towards Sustainable Development Goals, with special focus on urbanization and employment

#### 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 meeting provided an excellent opportunity to interrogate the broader understanding of what the green economy is, what it does (in terms of meeting needs/demands and in local, regional and global impacts) and how it is encouraged and nurtured. The opportunity to network with members of most of the major international funding agencies was also useful.

**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?**

Following the meeting, the IIED representative proposed that Durban be nominated for hosting the next PEP meeting: PEP19 early in 2014. This is based on the following points:

- There is much to learn in Durban regarding slum upgrading, urban-rural links, spatial planning, social protection through green jobs, 'greenpreneurs', several award-winning GE activities etc.
- Much to learn from South Africa nationally from challenges/innovations re social aspects of environmental policy, Green Economy Accord process, green fund, etc.
- Recent OECD environment peer review of SA showed critical importance of p-e – South Africa has more to do, and may welcome PEP interaction.
- Chance to engage with small SA aid programme (regional scope – links with earlier Malawi PEP session).
- SA location may attract other BRICS to PEP (new BRICS Development Bank?).

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

The 18th meeting of the partnership held in May 2013 was attended by the World Bank, UNDP, UNEP, CBD, IIED, WWF, GIZ, OECD, EIF, BMZ, ILO, BMU, UNITAR, WRI, IUCN, TARA, DEVCO, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, African Development Bank, CIDA, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, Japan International Cooperation Agency, Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Finland, The Nature Conservancy in Europe, Australian Agency for International Development, PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation, Environmental Investment Fund and Ministry of Environment and Tourism for Namibia, Fonerwa Rwanda, University of Gothenburg, and eThekweni Municipality South Africa.

**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.**

