



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?

Second UCCRN Assessment Report on Climate Change and Cities (ARC3-2) Initiating Workshop

2. The DATE attended:

17/09/2013 to 19/19/2013

3. VENUE

(further details on venue)

Held at Columbia University, United States

4. OFFICIALS WHO ATTENDED?

Dr Sean O'Donoghue, Acting Manager, Climate Protection Branch; Environmental Planning & Climate Protection; Development, Planning, Environment & Management; Economic Development & Planning

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 | x | | |

Other: urban climate change adaptation and mitigation

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

This was the convening event for the planning of the second global urban assessment report on climate change. It was a collection of the globe's leading researchers in urban climate change adaptation.

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?

This was less about me learning, and more about me sharing our learning outcomes from Durban. During the workshop, I agreed to participate in writing Chapter 3 of the report: "Mitigation and Adaptation: barriers, bridges and co-benefits". My aha moment of this workshop was just how important our local government experience is, in terms of actually making a difference, and how important it is for local government researchers to be represented in this type of document. Specifically, this is because academic writing often does not produce the type of text that will be picked up and read by local practitioners. The ultimate aim of the report is to produce a globally significant piece of reference work, one that is used by local governments world-wide in implementing climate change action.

This workshop was also extremely important from a networking point of view. I was struck by how few globally significant researchers there are in this field. When you consider the number of researchers working in climate change generally, then the field of urban climate change has a long way to go to catch up, especially considering that by 2050, 75 % of the global population will be urban.

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?

Encouragement of others in our department to publish the excellent work that we do. It is crucial that the learning outcomes from our projects are presented globally. I will continue to participate in the writing of Chapter 3 of the report. There are likely to be other UCCRN-sponsored publication initiative

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

The workshop was also attended by key Durban Adaptation Charter signatory city leaders. As such, the workshop provided an ideal opportunity to meet around planning the DAC core network of regionally significant signatories. We made a substantial amount of progress in coordinating our efforts to apply for Rockefeller's 100 Resilient Cities Programme. Further, in meeting with the report organisers, I was also to align the DAC to be the conduit for information emanating from the report to DAC signatories. This further increases the value of the DAC globally, and my presentation on the DAC was very well received by this large audience of researchers. Besides the above, it was very useful getting to know many new researchers in the urban climate change field.

