



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?

Cambio Climaticos Y Sostenible Ciudades (Climate Change and Sustainable Cities Congress)

2. The DATE attended:

17th – 19th September 2014

3. VENUE

(further details on venue)

Lima, Peru

4. OFFICIALS WHO ATTENDED?

Dr Sean O'Donoghue

5. What area of expertise did the event cover?

Culture, heritage and sport	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Engineering and the built environment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IT and Finance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Economic development and Tourism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Health and Safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	City strategy and planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Energy and the natural environment		Good governance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Other:

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

Since the signing of the Durban Adaptation Charter (DAC), on the 4th December 2011, eThekweni Municipality has been working with a number of local and international partners to operationalize the DAC globally. This includes the implementation of the DAC across five continents in over 1000 cities and local authorities. During November 2014, Deputy Head: Environmental Planning and Climate Protection Department, Dr Debra Roberts, and Manager: Climate Protection Branch, Dr Sean O'Donoghue, travelled to Washington, USA, to present the DAC to a number of global funding agencies. One such agency was the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) who have the stated aim of becoming known as the climate change adaptation bank in Latin America.

Building upon this meeting, and in light of the Peruvian capital city, Lima, hosting the 2014 UNFCCC climate change negotiations, COP20, the DAC Secretariat have been engaging in planning teleconferences to introduce the DAC to Latin America. This will be done in association with one of the DAC's key implementing partners, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability. ICLEI has agreed to become the long term secretariat of the DAC once it is fully operational and has been assisted with logistical planning for the Sustainable Cities and Climate Change workshop, hosted in Lima from 17th – 19th September 2014. The aim of the workshop was to capacitate local governments in Peru around the issues of climate change, and to stimulate adaptation and mitigation action. In this respect, the DAC was presented alongside the Mexico City Pact (the DAC's mitigation sister pact), and the local governments present were encouraged to commit both to adaptation and mitigation at a signing ceremony to be held during COP20 in Peru in December 2014.

This built upon a wider effort to develop a DAC presence in, especially, the developing regions of the globe in an effort to understand what those regional climate change challenges and needs are. This information is needed in order for ICLEI to convey a message to the UNFCCC negotiating process in Paris in 2015, when the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action will be finalised. It is critical that the voice of local governments is represented in this agreement to ensure that local governments are given a strong mandate to pursue climate change appropriate and accelerated development in the globe's poorer economies.

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?

Summary of Outcomes from DAC Participation at the Event:

During the Lima Climate Change and Sustainable Cities Workshop, substantial progress was made towards realising a DAC Regional Hub Partnership in Latin America, and in planning for a DAC/ Mexico City Pact signing ceremony during COP17. Specifically, meetings were held with US State Department and Bogotá city officials around obtaining in principle support for a partnership. Both parties agreed to work towards this, and planning for an announcement of the first Latin American Regional Hub partnership is being planned. This will be between Bogotá and Philadelphia.

Discussions were also held with San Francisco City officials around developing a partnership with Lima. This will be pursued over the course of the next two months, but all planning is subject to the new government adopting similar policies after COP20.

In her closing presentation, Ms Anna Zucchetti encouraged all participants to sign the DAC charter. Planning is progressing with ICLEI South America Mission to host a signing ceremony during a side event at COP20. This may well be during the Sustainable Cities event. ICLEI are also submitting a proposal to the Peruvian Government around the development of a ten year plan of action following COP20. This will provide the mechanism on which the signing ceremony can ride.

A meeting was held with the DAC Research Partner, UCCRN (represented by Cynthia Rosenzweig) where a commitment was made to work together to further information provided to cities in terms of their adaptation needs and developing sets of indicators. Bogotá expressed interest in this. UCCRN will also participate in DAC Regional Workshops which will determine the regionally-specific climate change challenges and adaptation needs of DAC signatory cities.

Adaptation opportunities will be linked with the DAC reporting mechanism (the carbon registry), and a DAC communication hub will be established to link signatory cities with funding agencies. This will be trialled with Bogotá and Latin American cities.

In closing, it will be necessary for the DAC Secretariat to attend part of COP20 to provide support in the hosting of the signing ceremony and developments of the partnerships. The DAC Secretariat will approach IDB to determine whether they would want to participate in any of this planning, specifically whether their league of cities could benefit in any way.

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?

More effort will be made to capacitate neighbouring municipalities for climate change action.

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

- Martin Beaumont, Director of Programmes, Avina Foundation
- Eduardo Carhuaricra; Director of the Association of Municipalities in Peru.
- Jussara de Lima Carvalho, Executive Secretary – CEO, ICLEI SAMS
- Pedros Ferradas, Lima
 - presented on the Roadmap for Latin American Cities. Components include risk management networks (potential for UCCRN involvement) and its link with poverty/ equality, promoting participation of vulnerable communities and collaboration on the Roadmap.
- Andrew Griffin, Director, South American Regional Office for Environment, Science, Technology and Health, US Embassy in Peru.
- James Kostaras, Senior Fellow, Institute for International Urban Development (I2UD).
 - Jim may be a useful contact for proposed collaboration with US State Department.
- Ricardo Montezuma, Humane Cities Foundation, Bogotá
- Timothy Papandreou, Transport Department, San Francisco
 - indicated that he would be willing to pursue a DAC signing and potentially advance a partnership with Lima.
- Susana Cardenas Peralta, Senior Operations Specialist, Climate Change and Sustainability Division, Infrastructure and Environment Sector, IDB.
- Julio Cesar Pulido Puerto, Director of Environment, Bogotá
- Gabriel Quijandria, vice-minister in Environment Department, Peru National Government
 - as hosts of COP20, Peru is committed to the process of sustainable cities.
- Valente Souza Salidvar
 - represented Martha Delgado on the Mexico City Pact.
- Anna Zucchetti, Director of Urban Planning in Lima.

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