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Membership in ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability

The mission of ICLEI is to build and serve a worldwide movement of local governments to achieve tangible improvements in global sustainability, through cumulative local actions. ICLEI serves this movement through:

- The establishment of an active and committed municipal membership;
- The mobilisation and support of national associations of local authorities to promote environmentally sustainable development;
- Exchange of best practice through an active international network of cities, towns and countries tackling similar environmental management and sustainability challenges;
- The initiation of projects and campaigns among groups of local authorities in order to research, develop and implement new solutions to environmental problems and development needs;
- The provision of information and training on sustainable development and environmental protection policies, programmes and approaches being implemented at the local level;
- Steadfast advocacy for local authorities before national governments, international forums, agencies and organisations to increase their understanding and support of local environmental protection and sustainable development activities.

Since ICLEI’s founding at the World Congress of Local Governments for a Sustainable Future at the United Nations Headquarters in New York in 1990, it has grown into the world’s leading association of cities and local governments dedicated to sustainable development, with 12 mega-cities, 100 super-cities and urban regions, 450 large cities as well as 450 small and medium-sized cities and towns in 84 countries. ICLEI has since established offices and projects on every continent. Most importantly, ICLEI has cultivated a network of dedicated municipal leaders and professional staff who are witnessing the local impacts of their work and who are committed to achieving tangible results which contribute to global issues.

Here in Africa, the ICLEI Africa Secretariat collaborates closely with the ICLEI World Secretariat, our global networks and other ICLEI regional offices around the world, in sharing tools, strategies and good practices specifically designed for and implemented at, the local level. Our key environmental work streams in Africa are: Energy and Climate Change; Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR); Water and Sanitation; Urban Biodiversity and Food Security; and Integrated Urban Environmental Planning. These focus areas are embedded in a pro-poor socio-economic framework, which actively promotes job creation and seeks to empower women.
Today ICLEI has more than 1,220 members across the world, with local authorities from all regions in Africa.

Membership in ICLEI distinguishes local authorities:
- As leaders in the arena of sustainable development at the local level, advancing sustainability through the principle of "think globally, act locally"
- As part of a growing global network, that pioneers local solutions to global development challenges

ICLEI Membership benefits include:

**ADVOCACY**
- The opportunity to be part of the voice of Local Authorities on a variety of topics and debates, engaging international institutions such as UN agencies, the World Economic Forum and many more.

**NETWORK**
- Belonging to an international movement of cities, and regional and local authorities aimed at tangible improvements of the global environment.
- Participation, networking capacity building and information exchange through ICLEI Africa’s key projects (including Energy and Climate Change, Urban Biodiversity, Water and Sanitation and Sustainable Consumption and Production).
- Connection and twinning with other cities on shared interests.

**INFORMATION**
- An introductory webinar in the first few months, to explain all current political initiatives & commitments around sustainability matters. Can be followed by an analysis of specific needs and institutional mapping for your organisation.
- Free access to case studies on innovative approaches to local sustainability.
- Regular information through the organisational newsletters, websites and information portals.
- Publications free of charge (guides, manuals, reports, etc.), such as the Sustainable Urban Energy Planning guidebook.
- Access to a variety of information and services (such as online publications, Web conferencing and calendar information) on ICLEI’s Web-Info-System.

**VISIBILITY**
- Participation in international development cooperation projects and programs.
- The opportunity of being profiled, interviewed for ICLEI’s newsletters and featured in our tri-annual publication.

**EXPERTISE**
- Two webinars every year, on themes as diverse as lobbying and approaching funders, to ecomobility and conducting citizen engagement initiatives.
- The opportunity to participate in international research, innovative pilot and training programs.
- Discounted access to ICLEI’s ad-hoc consultancy services and training.
- Reduced fees for conferences, seminars and training courses organised by ICLEI’s International Training Centre (ITC).
- Free access to ICLEI AFRICA tools, such as the first level of Resilient Africa.
- Privileged access to international funded programs and innovative pilots on sustainability.
- Participation in Local Action for Biodiversity (LAB) Programme (Participation fee required).
ICLEI Membership Rates for Africa Region: 2015

The payment of membership rates can be made on an annual basis (see rates below) that are payable as a pre-condition to membership or renewal of ICLEI membership. They can also be made for three-year periods. ICLEI membership rates are based upon population and national per capita income (figures provided in US dollars).

### Category 1: Municipal, Local, and sub-National Authorities

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