Call for Applications

Climate Change Adaptation and Resilience Training for Coastal Cities

24-27 February, Cape Town, South Africa

ICLEI Africa, with the support from the Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA), is organizing an interactive and participatory four-day regional training workshop to support coastal cities with developing Climate Change Adaptation Action Plans (CCAPs) with a specific focus on coasts. The training workshop is scheduled to take place in Cape Town, South Africa from 24th to 27th February 2020.

This interactive and participatory training course is designed to build adaptive capacity and resilience to the impacts of climate change in coastal urban areas throughout the WIOMSA region; specifically focusing on Mozambique, Kenya, Tanzania, Zanzibar, South Africa and Mauritius.

This course is specifically targeted at coastal cities from the above mentioned countries. The main objectives of the course are:

1. Improve knowledge of climate change and how climate change impacts could be minimised through effective planning; and improve knowledge on the importance of coastal natural assets for improving the adaptive capacity and resilience of cities allocated along the coast;
2. Provide an overview of successful methodologies on how to develop climate change adaptation plans (CCAPs), largely developed during the course of the development of the City of Nacala CCAP in 2019;
3. Support each city through the process of designing their own skeleton CCAPs which specifically includes a coastal focus;
4. Transfer knowledge and skills to capacitate participating stakeholders throughout the course to not only train their fellow city stakeholders but facilitate and lead a course with their own city stakeholders to finalise their skeleton CCAP; and lastly:
5. Provide the space throughout the course for discussion, reflection and learning; and facilitate vertical and horizontal dialogues around coastal adaptation and resilience to build effective partnerships for future collaboration.

The course is geared to include 10 cities from the five countries from across the WIOMSA region, with two technical staff from each project city (specifically this should include a town planner as well as an environmental / coastal technical specialist).

How to Apply

Applications to attend the workshop are invited from coastal cities officials – town planners, environmental or marine officers, disaster management, and scientists working on relevant coastal issues. Applicants should have proficiency in English. Gender inclusion will be considered in the participant’s selection.

Interested applicants should submit their CVs (maximum 2 pages), a copy of their passport, and a motivational letter indicating how the training is relevant to your work and why you wish to attend (maximum 1 page) and a nomination letter from the Mayor or City Clerk. Applications can apply in pairs or individually.
Selection of participants to attend the course will be based on an open-application system made available to coastal cities in the WIOMSA region.

All applications should be sent at the latest on **20 January 2020** via email to kate.strachan@iclei.org.

Successful candidates will be notified by no later than **30th January 2020**.

**Further Information**

Selected participants will be sponsored through funding that has been made available by WIOMSA. The sponsorship entails:
- A return flight to your local government on economy class ticket;
- Accommodation for the duration of the workshop period at a hotel selected by the event organisers;
- Return transfers between Cape Town International Airport and the hotel;
- Meals for the duration of the workshop; and
- Event Registration fee.

Yours sincerely,

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