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As we head into the last quarter of 2014 ICLEI Africa has reached many milestones with our partners and members. From participating in the recent IWSN Regional Launch and Mini Conference to supporting the Cities Biodiversity Centre (CBC) with its upcoming Biodiversity Summit to be held alongside the CBD COP 12/MP7 in South Korea, PyeongChang – it’s a surprise we’ve had time to also move into more environmentally friendly offices (note the office address change at the end of the eNews).

In this month’s eNews we also announce the opening of voting for the new ICLEI Africa Committee, the launch of the Western Cape Sustainable Energy Project Database and look at how Tanzania launched the Earth Hour City Challenge.

This week leaders across the globe gathered in New York for the Climate Summit 2014 which was convened by UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon. This was preceded this past weekend by the biggest climate march in history, The Peoples Climate March, in New York and supported worldwide! To support the Summit this week, ICLEI has a new online platform CityTalk, which will provide updates on the summit, and feature mayors from around the world, including ICLEI Africa Member Johannesburg, South Africa. We anticipate a positive response and look forward to outcomes that reflect the passion of all ICLEI partners, members and affiliates! You can read the official ICLEI at the Climate Summit 2014 news here.

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The day we changed history! The Peoples Climate March

On 21 September 2014 nearly 400,000 people of all walks of life, economic status and nationalities, came together in one of the largest marches in a decade in New York, and one of the largest mobilisations for the environment ever! More.

Earth Hour City Challenge expands into Tanzania!

The Earth Hour City Challenge (EHCC) sees itself expanding across the continent for its 2014-2015 edition. The Earth Hour City Challenge is an initiative designed by WWF, in partnership with ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, to mobilise action and support from cities in the global transition towards a climate-friendly, 100%-renewable future. More.

Voting to begin on the new ICLEI Africa Committee!

Nominations are currently being sent in for the new ICLEI Africa Committee, from locally-elected leaders across Africa. From the end of next week, the voting platform will be open for ICLEI member cities to vote for the local government heads to serve on the Committee. More.
ICLEI Africa participates in the IWSN Regional Launch and Mini Conference

The University of West England, in partnership with Monash University, South Africa and the University of Arizona, USA, established the Integrated Water Security Network (IWSN) in 2013. The network aims to foster collaborative efforts towards issues relating to water security. The official launch of the Southern Africa node of the network took place on 16 September 2014 at Monash University and was attended by international researchers and water professionals. More.

cCR becomes official reporting platform for Communities for America campaign

The carbon Registry (cCR) has become the official reporting platform for the Resilient Communities for America campaign. More.

Significant progress in the Sustainable Development Goals

Concluding its negotiations, the United Nations Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) forwarded a proposal to the UN General Assembly, covering a broad discussion of developmental issues while reaffirming its commitment to the Rio Declaration. More.

Launch of the Western Cape Sustainable Energy Projects Database

The database identifies sustainable energy projects that have been implemented in the Western Cape to date, and how these have been implemented. More.

Publications

How to Achieve 100% Renewable Energy

The World Future Council has analyzed eight case studies from around the world, deriving policy recommendations for the expansion of 100% RE. The report was published shortly before the UN Climate Summit being held in New York, USA. Download it here.

Better Growth, Better Climate: launch of the New Climate Economy report

The Better Growth, Better Climate report was launched a few days before the start of the UN Climate Summit and says the key to protecting the climate is to change spending habits for new systems. Read the synthesis report here.
Latest ICLEI members:
Kinondoni District Council in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
Bujumbura City Council, Burundi
Mbombela Local Municipality, South Africa
Matsapha Town Council, Matsapha, Swaziland
Mushin Local Government Area, Lagos State, Nigeria
Savanne District Council, Mauritius

-Events-

Integrated Urban Water Management (IUWM)
22 - 23 September, 2014
Cameroon Central Africa

Sustainability, innovation and cost efficiency: taking procurement forward
24 - 26 September, 2014
Ghent, Belgium

4th Africasan Conference
8 - 10 October, 2014
Dakar, Senegal

Convention on Biological Diversity meeting (COP 12)
6 - 17 Oct 2014
South Korea, PyeongChang

Biodiversity Summit
12 - 14 October, 2014
Alpensia Resort, Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea

For other relevant events visit the ICLEI Africa Event page here!

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