Welcome to the first e-News for 2014 from the ICLEI – Africa Secretariat. Our e-News and quarterly newsletters now serve a network of 76 ICLEI members in Africa! We hope the news we bring to you from cities across the continent, inspires you to take even more action this year in up-scaling sustainable development commitments and activities on the ground. If you have inspiring news and want to share your successes and challenges please feel free to contact the communications team and your news will be included in later editions. Here’s to a successful 2014 to all of you serving your communities through sound decision making, sustainable development and economic opportunities, as leaders, civil servants, practitioners and partners in local government work!

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The ideal of integrated urban planning - delivered on the ground via the ‘urban nexus’

Integrated planning is a much touted ideal in cities and could be seen as the holy grail of an urbanising planet. We are living in the Urban Anthropocene, geoengineering the planet to suit the needs, dreams and hopes of its 6 billion human inhabitants. Without achieving effective, dynamic and revolutionary ways of actually implementing integrated planning we may quite literally be doomed. We know that we have severe constraints that will hinder an equitable, just and socially appropriate development trajectory of urban spaces around the world. More.

Cape Town wins South African EHCC nomination!

Cape Town has been nominated as South Africa’s Earth Hour City nominee winner in a competition between it and the east coast city, Durban. This puts both Cape Town and Durban in the We Love Cities Awards along with another 31 international cities. More.

Two strong ICLEI members in Africa show commitment on Climate Change via C40 group

ICLEI Africa congratulates two of their prominent members who joined the C40 group of Metropolitan cities, announced yesterday at the C40 Summit in Johannesburg. These are Dar es Salaam in Tanzania and Cape Town in South Africa. Both of these members are long standing members of ICLEI who have been pioneering on sustainability and showing great leadership over many years as part of the over 1000 strong international ICLEI network of local governments and cities; with a 76 strong network in Africa. More.

3 months on: Learning from the participants of the LOCS Congress 2013

Just 3 months ago in October-November 2013, over 450 registered delegates from 25 countries, including 300 local government representatives, came together at the Local Climate Solutions for Africa Congress 2013 to discuss the challenges...
and opportunities presented by climate change in a rapidly urbanising Africa. More.

Local action for Wetland sustainability

Wetlands provide vital services such as water storage, water purification, food, building materials and ameliorate flooding but across the world wetlands are threatened from poor land-use planning, pollution and degradation of wetland catchments. More.

LOCS CONGRESS 2013 VIDEO RELEASED!

Eagerly anticipated, the LOCS Congress 2013 video is now available: click on the image below to watch! The video was made possible from funding provided by Practical Action via the ELLA (Evidence and Lessons from South America) Learning Alliance on Climate Resilient Cities- a South-South knowledge sharing and learning platform. View it here!

Member News

ICLEI's newest member!

Kinondoni Municipal Council in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, host of the very successful Local Climate Solutions for Africa (LOCS 2013) Congress, joined the ICLEI network on 4 February 2014. We would like to congratulate Hon. Mayor Yusuph Mwenda and thank the Council for its proactive engagement and commitment to sustainability! More.

Latest members

We warmly welcome Kinondoni District Council in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, as ICLEI Africa's newest member!

Previous new members:
Mimombela Local Municipality, South Africa
Matsapha Town Council, Matsapha, Swaziland
Mushin Local Government Area, Lagos State, Nigeria
Savanne District Council, Mauritius
Ajeromi-Ifelodun Local Government Area, Lagos State, Nigeria
For more ICLEI members in Africa see here.

What is ICLEI Membership?

In light of the recent move of several cities in Africa to join the ICLEI network, it may be worthwhile to explain what ICLEI membership entails, and what it means for a city. Globally, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability is an international association of local governments, with a member network of 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. More.

Upcoming Events

17th African Water Association Congress
17 – 20 February, 2014
Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire

Africa Energy Indaba
18 – 20 February, 2014
Johannesburg, South Africa

Launch of the State of African Cities at AMCHUD
28 February, 2014
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Free Climate Change training with Al Gore!
12 – 14 March, 2014
Johannesburg, South Africa

Renewable Energy Forum (REFSA)
4 – 5 March 2014
Sandton, Johannesburg

3rd Concentrated Solar Thermal Power Conference & Expo
8-9 April 2013
Cape Town, South Africa

African Utility Week 2014
13 – 14 May 2014 (focus days: 12 May, site visits: 15 May)
Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC), South Africa

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