LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

Welcome to our August 2014 newsletter! Here we shall update you with exciting developments from projects across Africa. These highlight different aspects of our work, ranging from resources, approaches, cycles, and processes involved in realizing the vision of a sustainable future.

Beyond external projects, ICLEI Africa constantly seeks ways to align its day-to-day operations with this vision—from broader lifestyle choices down to our morning cup of coffee!

It is in this spirit that the ICLEI Africa Secretariat would like to announce its big move. We will be moving office premises out of the Cape Town Central Business District (CBD) to Century City. Please note our new office address as:

Knowledge Park 3, Heron Way, Century Boulevard

Century City is a satellite development about 10 kilometres north of the CBD, which features the Intaka island, a 16 hectare wetland and bird sanctuary. Here we hope to welcome and engage with partners such as yourself in realizing our mutual goals.

We look forward to welcoming you there in the spirit of collaboration towards new and exciting ventures!

ICLEI AFRICA PARTNERS WITH FAIRTRADE!

In an effort to create a more sustainable working environment, ICLEI Africa has partnered with Fairtrade, a company that shares our passion for spreading the importance of sustainability in all sectors of society. Promoting equality and sustainability in the farming sector, Fairtrade will be supplying ICLEI Africa with a range of ‘green’ products that can be found on their website here.

"As an international organisation that supports cities and local governments in their journey to become sustainable, resilient, productive and low carbon, our core business mirrors the ethos of Fairtrade. We decided that whilst we work with others to increase their sustainability, we should do the same, and walk the talk through our everyday decisions in our own Africa regional office". ICLEI Africa.
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August began with ICLEI Africa, GIZ and the Kindondoni Municipality holding a showday and final workshop for the Urban Nexus pilot project in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. “Operationalisation of the Urban Nexus in Metropolitan regions” is a two country pilot project in Tanzania and India, with a global study and review of methods for implementing the Urban Nexus in Metropolitan cities.

The “Urban Nexus” design was developed by GIZ and ICLEI for the integration of development services and opportunities. Its Tanzania pilot was implemented at the neighbouring Hekima and Tandale primary schools in Kinondoni Municipality, Dar es Salaam. Drawing from a limited investment, additional co-financing and in kind contributions from the schools and the municipality resulted in the implementation of the following: improved water access via small upgrades of existing infrastructure of the borehole and connections, along with rainwater harvesting and tanks for storage; installation of an improved fuelwood cookstove for cooking for the school feeding programme; installation of vertical food gardens at both schools, connected to rainwater harvesting infrastructure utilising drip irrigation.

Additional upgrades to the school were implemented by the municipality including the building of a school wall to improve security and safety of schoolgoers and teachers, as well as to halt dumping of waste on school grounds. These were all presented during the showcase day, which also provided the opportunity to discuss the outcomes and future plans for the schools.

In addition, a high level workshop was held with Kinondoni Municipality in order to address lessons learnt for upsampling and replication, as well as utilisation of the Urban Nexus design principles for additional strategic city-wide development interventions. The workshop resulted in overwhelming positive feedback and a sense of momentum to continue the work and bring new stakeholders together to upscale similar activities. An Urban Nexus steering group was formulated for the city and this will continue the work started in the pilot project and seek to inform broader and new initiatives in the city. Additional information, case studies and a global report will soon be published by ICLEI and GIZ in the coming months.

The support of the municipality and schools, along with collaboration from community members and other stakeholders allowed, for institutional integration into a very new and open process, from which the Urban Nexus goals and objectives for the schools were determined. By creating an institutional Urban Nexus for infrastructure systems and services at schools, Dar es Salaam harnessed opportunities to link water and sanitation, energy, food and waste, which would have otherwise been missed. Upscaling this across schools and other public spaces can then lead to a substantial impact on planning and service delivery, if the lessons learned can be applied to policy, regulation and practice.

If you would like to find out more about the project and its outcomes in Dar es Salaam please contact ICLEI Africa and visit the project page.
ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability - Africa is implementing a 54 month European Commission funded project entitled ‘Sustainable Urban Resilient Water for Africa: Developing Local Climate Solutions’. The project aims to contribute to sustainable climate change resilient urban water planning mechanisms and action based on international benchmarking within local authorities whilst ensuring multiplier effects to the region. The project targets six countries located in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Region: Botswana (Francistown), Malawi (Blantyre), Namibia (Walvis Bay), South Africa (Nelson Mandela Bay Metro), Zambia (Lusaka) and Zimbabwe (Bulawayo).

One of the main objectives of the project is to improve understanding of current and projected climate change risks associated with flooding and drought, and to develop capacity amongst policy and decision makers to apply such knowledge, and to influence local, national and regional decision making processes. Objective one relates directly to developing the underlying climate change scientific data to underpin evidence-based decision making. The underlying climate data compiled as part of this project will inform vulnerability and risk assessments as well as cost benefit analysis in relation to integrated urban water management and water and sanitation services in these urban environments. It will also be utilised in the extensive capacity processes to be undertaken as part of the project in each of the project cities.

In order to compile the necessary climate data noted above the Climate Systems Analysis Group (CSAG) based at the University of Cape Town (UCT), South Africa, was contracted to undertake the development of 1) Regional climate system analysis overview; and 2) Six downscaled climate reports, one for each of the project cities.

Completed in July 2014, the overarching regional climate systems analysis report aimed to provide a broad overview of climate change in the region, including the six project countries, with a specific focus on rainfall and the climate systems responsible for rainfall and rainfall variability. The six downscaled climate reports for the project cities, also completed in July 2014, aimed to provide present, past and projected climate. It focussed on rainfall and precipitation. The report provides visual illustrations (as with the Regional assessment), and a vulnerability matrix highlighting key climatic factors of concern to each of the project cities.

The climate systems analysis developed as part of the SURe Water 4 Africa: Developing LOCS project will be presented to the project cities during the forthcoming workshops.
As a model city in the Urban-Low Emission Development Strategies (Urban-LEDS) project, KwaDukuza recently developed its 2030 low emission vision in a collaborative scenario planning exercise. The Municipality has recently been taking steps to turn that vision into a reality.

**Bringing the 2030 future to life.** ICLEI – Africa and the Municipality collaborated with the local DramAidE theatre group to bring the “business-as-usual” future for KwaDukuza to life. Two community and schools engagement events were held to coincide with World Environment Day. Roars of laughter filled the hall as the 250-strong audience of community members erupted at the humorous portrayal of an environmentally ignorant family. DramAidE also facilitated a session that allowed the community to share their ideas about environmental preservation and for creating a preferred future for the area. To find out more, click [here](#).

**Identifying actions for a low emission future.** In a recent 1.5 day workshop, KwaDukuza Municipality worked collaboratively with ICLEI Africa staff and local stakeholders to identify existing and new projects, policies and actions to help it transition to its low-emission 2030 vision.

The municipality will use its policy powers to provide a framework for accelerated action by revising its electricity master plan and developing and implementing a green building policy. Collaborative actions included promoting local green technology opportunities and, following on from a separate engagement with representatives of the local business Chamber, a private sector collaboration to promote energy management in the commercial and industrial sectors.

In the course of this year, this work will be assimilated together into a draft Low Emission Development Strategic Framework and action plan. To read more, please click [here](#).

**KwaDukuza already reducing emissions.** ICLEI Africa and the Municipality recently conducted a training session with Environmental Ward Forum members to build their skills, knowledge and capacity to become community trainers in a roll-out of 500 Wonderbags. The bags will be distributed to a diverse spread of selected beneficiaries that reside in KwaDukuza.

Wonderbags are a particular brand of insulated passive cooking (and cooling) device that can be used as a complementary energy saving technology for cooking, and also help promote awareness about energy consumption. The benefits of using hotboxes are multiple, helping to reduce energy costs and alleviate poverty, minimise food waste, save energy and associated emissions, reduce fire risk for those cooking on open flames, improve health from reduced indoor air pollution, and empower women. To read more about the hotbox roll out, please click [here](#).
A one-and-a-half-day intensive workshop was the second of two exciting scenario planning exercises designed to bring local people together around a common vision for sustainable, low-emission growth and prosperity in the region. The session was facilitated by futurist and urban planner, Shahid Solomon of Novation 2050.

The future that was imagined by the 30-strong group was captured in the draft vision statement:

“In 2030, Steve Tshwete Local Municipality is an integrated, harmonious and green locality. We are an empowered, prospering community surrounded by air that is natural and fresh, and enjoying water that is crystal clear, safe and clean.”

Workshop participants from the Municipality, Provincial government, business, NGO’s and local community spent the one and a half days elaborating on the “Masakhane” future scenario created in the first workshop.

Several options were brainstormed, and were finally distilled to two options:

- “walking-the-talk” (e.g. by enforcing environmental regulations, committing resources to policy) or “talking-the-walk”;
- being proactive (e.g. getting involved in the green transition, influencing education, and transforming public transport system) or being reactive.

Actions, roles and responsibilities were identified to ensure the realisation of the preferred Masakhane future. In her closing remarks, Sybil Madlopha, head of the Integrated Development Plan for Steve Tshwete Local Municipality said: “Planning doesn’t happen outside of reality, we have lots of work ahead to ensure that the next IDP takes on board all of the achievements of this Imbizo.”

The scenario planning process is now complete, and the next phase includes an action-planning process that includes (among other things), presentation of the draft vision and scenarios to the political leadership, establishing a working group for a growth and development strategy, preparing a business plan for a Masakhane Partnership, and taking the recommendations to the Mayoral Committee.

The Urban-LEDS project is currently procuring the support of experts, organisations and consultants to complete a number of activities to help meet project deliverables. For all recent and open calls, please click [here](http://www.urban-leds.org) . For more information visit [www.urban-leds.org](http://www.urban-leds.org) or follow @Urban_LEDS on twitter.
Last year, 163 cities from 14 countries participated in the Earth Hour City Challenge, a collaboration between WWF and ICLEI, by reporting their actions, commitments and performance to the carbon Cities Climate Registry (cCCR).

This included six eligible metro’s from South Africa. Cape Town and Durban were nominated as national finalists, and Cape Town was awarded the national title as well as the title Global Earth Hour Capital 2014, despite stiff competition from 13 other national finalists including Copenhagen, Mexico City and Seoul. The win highlighted all of our collective efforts in South Africa as demonstrated by this poster and the city stories Journeys towards sustainability.

The Challenge enables municipalities to demonstrate their commitment to sustainable development to partners and citizens, market and profile their efforts worldwide as a green and low-carbon investment destination and showcase planned municipal actions and commitments to potential funders.

This year the Challenge is back for 2014 - 2015, with new and additional incentives for participating municipalities. These include a marketing video for the winning national city, strategic review workshops, and support from WWF on citizen engagement initiatives. Additionally, the global awards ceremony will take place in Cape Town in March 2015.

The competition is also expanding across Africa, with Tanzania being one of the participating countries this year as a special pilot country.

To keep up to date with these exciting developments, check out WWF’s webpages and ICLEI news updates. If you think your municipality can qualify to take part (it needs to have a quantitative emissions reduction/energy efficiency target in policy to do so), contact urban-leds-southafrica@iclei.org.

The deadline for submissions to the cCCR this year is 5th September!
The Western Cape Government (WCG) Climate Change Municipal Support Programme (MSP) in partnership with ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability – Africa (ICLEI – Africa) recently undertook a project that explores climate change mainstreaming in the South African province. This is in line with the need to measure success in mainstreaming climate change responses into municipal activities.

Funded by the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom (FNF), the project builds on the provincial support programme to local governments utilising the ‘Lets Respond’ toolkit, aimed at helping local and district municipalities to prepare climate change strategies and mainstream climate change in integrated development plan (IDPs) and spatial development framework (SDFs). The project aimed to support this work via development of improved baseline assessments from monitoring and evaluation so climate actions can take place. It involved developing a baseline assessment and testing it on the West Coast District Municipality and its six municipalities.

Understanding the impact of the Climate Change MSP in mainstreaming climate change into municipal level documents requires a fair assessment of the baseline. Promoting and advancing towards climate resilient and low carbon communities requires that we are able to measure our successes as well as showcase progress. We cannot measure what we cannot count, and that requires a starting point from which to begin.

Baselines, monitoring and evaluation of climate change mainstreaming are critical for: i) tracking municipal expenditure; ii) assessing contribution to social and economic development; and iii) attracting additional future investment and financing of low carbon and climate resilient infrastructure development and planning of towns and cities. Such a baseline assessment would also allow for replication and upscaling of climate change initiatives in developing countries such as South Africa and beyond.

Outcomes of this project include two Case Stories which describe the findings of climate change readiness and a brief policy assessment in the municipalities involved in the project. For more please visit the project page.
Biodiversity

A new African biodiversity initiative: the launch of UNA Africa!

Falling under the larger, global Urban Biosphere Initiative (URBIS) (www.urbis.org), Urban Natural Assets for Africa (UNA Africa) is a two year initiative designed to improve human well-being by contributing to poverty alleviation and building resilience of the urban poor, through increasing local government capacity to implement the Aichi Biodiversity targets in Sub-Saharan Africa. This exciting initiative will be officially launched during a morning event at the 12th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity during October in Gangwon Province, the Republic of Korea. The project consortium will consist of the ICLEI Africa Secretariat (ICLEI AS), which hosts ICLEI’s global Cities Biodiversity Center, Stockholm Resilience Centre (SRC) and SRC’s Programme for Resilience and Development (SwedBio), which has provided generous funding for the project. UNA Africa will be lead and administrated by ICLEI, while SRC and SwedBio will contribute with scientific input and other support functions. The consortium will collaborate with partners in a number of cities in sub-Saharan countries in Africa, such as local governments, academic and research institutes, civil society organizations (CSOs), non-governmental organizations (NGOs), national governments and other communities through a number of consultative and capacity building workshops. Acknowledging the value of sharing existing local knowledge, and the need for addressing the current gap in scientific knowledge, there will be a strong emphasis on awareness-raising and knowledge-sharing throughout the project as well as the provision of practical and supportive tools for local governments that can be applied in situations where capacities (such as human, financial and knowledge) can be strengthened.
Preparations for the largest side event at the Cities and subnational Biodiversity Summit (CBD COP 12), the 2014 Biodiversity Summit for Cities and Subnational Governments, are already well underway and ICLEI is excited at the line-up of excellent speakers and fascinating topics being drawn together. Considering the vital role of biodiversity in the green economy, and the contribution of cities in achieving the CBD, this Biodiversity Summit looks to be the most inclusive and pertinent yet and will take place on 12-14 October 2014 (please find a draft program outline here), just before the High-Level Segment at the CBD COP, which is scheduled from October 15th to 17th.

The theme for the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP 12) is “Biodiversity for Sustainable Development”. There is a well-recognised inter-connectivity between biodiversity conservation, poverty alleviation and sustainable development. Our rich biodiversity forms an ecological treasure chest used by humankind for agricultural, medicinal, horticultural, structural and spiritual purposes, amongst many others. To achieve a transition to a sustainable and resilient urban future, resource use and environmental impacts need to be addressed not only within the urban boundaries, but also by accounting for the dependence of cities on ecosystems and natural resources outside their city limits.

The imperative is clear that the world needs to safeguard biodiversity and the ecosystem services upon which we depend, and we hope that you will accept our invitation to support cities’ and subnational governments’ contribution to this movement by joining us in the Republic of Korea. Online registration opens on 10 August at www.biodiversity-summit.org/eng and closes on 11 September 2014.

For any queries please contact 2014citysummit@iclei.org or Georgina Avlonitis (georgina.avlonitis@iclei.org)
The City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality is a long-term ICLEI member, which has distinguished itself in its work on sustainable energy, waste management, as well as green buildings and infrastructure.

It has consistently lived up to its motto of “Igniting Excellence” and we are proud to declare it our Member of the Month for August 2014.

The City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality (including Pretoria) was established in 2000, under an executive mayoral system, bringing together 13 former councils (with another added later in 2011). As a South African “metropolitan municipality”, it executes all the functions of local government for a large urban area. This urban area of 6,298 km² is home to a diverse range of roughly 3 million people of different ethnicities, languages and backgrounds.

Under the political leadership of Executive Mayor Mr Kgosietsos Ramokgopa, the City has successfully tackled a range of developmental issues, incorporating sustainability principles in much of its work.

Because of rapid growth, the City faces problems of excessive energy consumption and issues with waste management. Early on it recognised that it needed to consider limited natural resources far more, in terms of land-use and policy decisions. It also recommended that development must be supported by increasing the proportion of green buildings in the city, ensuring that all infrastructure development incorporate environmental best practices, and integrating smart environmental solutions to city problems. It has also long committed to maintaining a critical ratio of bio-productive space and inhabitants and address transport problems.

A long-term ICLEI Member, the City stepped into the sustainability spotlight when it hosted the ICLEI African Local Government Climate Roadmap Pre-Copenhagen Summit in 2009, providing a platform for local government representatives from over 14 African countries, to strategise for local climate change adaptation and mitigation. The next year it established the Tshwane Food Bank, to provide sustainable food sources for the city’s neediest residents. The City’s Department of Agriculture and Environmental Management responded to the city’s growing littering and waste management problem with a municipality-wide clean-up effort, held in conjunction with a series of environmental actions including tree planting, recycling campaigns, environmental education and landscaping. In the field of sustainable energy, Tshwane has implemented a number of important initiatives – from the Central Energy Fund (CEF), to solar-powered water heaters and an energy-efficient lighting programme. In terms of policy, the City of Tshwane is actively adopting sound legislative policies to guide the city’s sustainable development responsibly. A firm foundation for these policies can be found in the new Tshwane Integrated Environmental Policy document. Last, but not least, the City has implemented an annual “Green Week” – an event which supports the City’s strategic framework for a green economy, and is directed towards fulfilment of Tshwane’s “Vision 2055”.

For more information, please visit the City’s website: www.tshwane.gov.za
In line with the Local Government Climate Roadmap, ICLEI supported the attendance of Eng. Mussa Natty of Dar es Salaam, to serve as panellist on behalf of ICLEI and African Cities at the recent Cities Forum forming part of the UNFCCC talks. The Forum on Experiences and Best Practices of Cities and Subnational Authorities in Relation to Adaptation and Mitigation took place on 10 June, in Bonn, Germany.

It was held at the request of the ADP (Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action), providing a basis for the discussion on the implementation of climate action at the local and sub-national level, which would inform agreements proposed for adoption at the UNFCCC COP21.

The panel discussion centred on experiences of implementation. Concrete actions from climate sensitive development were shared, and the resulting interactive dialogue led to a decision on “How the 2015 agreement can address barriers to action, facilitate cooperation and recognize the outcomes of city and subnational actions”. Specific initiatives and best practices were showcased to create an environment for action, with resultant mainstreaming of climate change considerations into local governments’ development plans.

Africa was strongly represented in this forum, which was chaired by Dr. Aisa Kirabo Kacyira, the Deputy Executive Director of UN-HABITAT. Experiences of African cities such as Maputo and Dar es Salaam were highlighted through the presentations of Vanessa Castan Broto and Eng. Mussa Natty respectively. The open discussion also saw representatives from Senegal, Tanzania and Uganda voice concerns faced by their respective local governments such as financial structures within their institutional context.

Rounding off the session, ICLEI Secretary General Gino van Begin presented a keynote on the need to address vertical integration, finance access, effective regulatory mechanisms and the availability of climate data through a local climate action plan.

Suffice to say SB40 has served as a great platform for African voices in advancing recognition for local climate initiatives at the international level. We would then like to thank our members for their continued support in the process, without whom this progress would not have been made!
Last month the City of Windhoek, Namibia, renewed its emphasis on water saving, as the ICLEI member with a history of successfully tackling water issues conducted an analysis of its projected water availability in the City’s rain-scarce environment. Having concluded that a 10% improvement in water savings was needed over the next two years, the City called upon its residents to join it in implementing a range of strategies to save water.

Windhoek is located in an arid region, where erratic and unpredictable rainfall patterns ensure that water management is a far more recognised issue than might otherwise be the case. Previous campaigns have been necessary due to poor rainfall. The City is supplied by several dams and although the last rainy season was not unusually short, growing urban water usage has seen the supply in these dams threatened. The annual water availability analysis, which the City conducts with help from NamWater and other organisations, anticipated that, should there be a relatively low rainfall in the coming two years, serious water shortages would result, and advised a 10% reduction in usage. In its campaign, the City advised a change in water usage habits, so that any measures would be sustainable. It recommended that consumers keep records to be aware of their water usage, identify unnecessary water usage and tackle leaks.
Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality (Bloemfontein) in South Africa decided on a healthy and environmentally friendly way of celebrating 18 July’s “67 Minutes for Mandela” to honour the former statesman. The Executive Mayor and Municipality employees led a massive cleaning campaign across the Mangaung regions that focused on tackling litter and other pollution.

Mangaung Metropolitan Municipality is a large local government that includes the city of Bloemfontein and surrounding towns in the Free State province of South Africa. It is a long-term ICLEI member, protects nearly half a million ha of natural areas (72.9% of the municipality) and has been proactive in its sustainability work. On 18 July, people around the country celebrated “67 Minutes for Mandela” to honour the former leader and spent 67 minutes in public service in remembrance of Madiba’s 67 years of service.

The Executive Mayor of Mangaung, Cllr Thabo Manyoni, made a call to all Mangaung residents to spend that time with him, in an enormous campaign to clean up the towns and regions of Mangaung – picking up litter, tackling pollution and planting trees. There was an especially strong focus on poorer communities in the brief but effective campaign. The turn-out was impressive, as City employees, residents, and the leaders of the local government itself, got their hands dirty in the service of less fortunate communities and in the spirit of Madiba. Volunteers ranged from the elderly to the young and everyone in between, and tackled neglected areas as diverse as quarries and taxi ranks! The event was highlighted by the laying of a wreath at the statue of Nelson Mandela on Naval Hill, where the Metro Choir came to welcome the volunteers with a song and the Mayor made a call for unity and service, stating that: “It is only by working together that we can build a South Africa that we can all be proud of”.

Mangaung cleans the town for Madiba
The 9th of July 2014 marked a momentous occasion for ICLEI Africa as it launched the State of African Cities 2014: Re-imagining sustainable urban transitions report in South Africa. The report seeks to stimulate discussions on the need for radically different, re-imagined development visions to guide sustainable urban growth and other transitions in Africa over the decades to come. The State of African cities 2014: Re-imagining sustainable urban transitions was realised in close cooperation between UN-Habitat, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability – Africa and UCLGA and also received support from the British High Commission – South Africa office.

In his welcoming remarks, the Consul General of UK to Cape Town highlighted the importance of the reports as they assist in taking stock of progress made by cities in Africa towards attained their sustainability targets. “While there are challenges for African cities to cope with rapid urbanisation, there are also opportunities to make the most of these developmental imperatives – resulting in cities and urban regions that are more resilient to climate change”, remarked Mr Chris Trott. The report was launched at the Residence of the British High Commissioner to South Africa. Present during the launch were the Consul of France to Cape Town, Mr Xavier D’ Argoeuves, the Deputy Mayor of Cape Town, Alderman Ian Neilson, councillors, representatives from local and sub national governments, researchers, academia to name a few.

Marlene Laros, who led the team from ICLEI Africa in compiling the report in close collaboration with the team from UN-Habitat, then gave a brief summary on the key findings of the report. Following the summary, she facilitated a very engaging and interactive panel discussion.

The panel comprised thought leaders and leading researchers on urban issues; Mark Swilling (Sustainability Institute), Edgar Pieterse (African Center for Cities) and Mokena Makeka (Makeka Designs). The panellists raised riveting comments and observations on the current urbanisation trends on the continent as well as related implications of the trends. Participants were also invited to contribute to the discussion and there was a consensus as the session drew to a close that time is nigh for a paradigm shift and “business as usual‘ will deter and derail efforts towards sustainability. The report states that Africa’s development aspirations are unlikely to be achieved by the urban development approaches it has applied over the past decades.
The African continent is currently in the midst of simultaneously unfolding and highly significant demographic, economic, technological, environmental, urban and socio-political transitions. Africa’s economic performance is promising, with booming cities supporting growing middle classes and creating sizable consumer markets. But despite significant overall growth, not all of Africa performs well. The continent continues to suffer under very rapid urban growth accompanied by massive urban poverty and many other social problems. These seem to indicate that the development trajectories followed by African nations since post-independence may not be able to deliver on the aspirations of broad based human development and prosperity for all. This report, therefore, argues for a bold re-imagining of prevailing models in order to steer the ongoing transitions towards greater sustainability based on a thorough review of all available options. That is especially the case since the already daunting urban challenges in Africa are now being exacerbated by the new vulnerabilities and threats associated with climate and environmental change.

“The State of African Cities 2014: Reimagining Sustainable Urban Transitions” was launched by UN-Habitat at the AMCHUD 5 in N’Djamena on 28 February 2014. This is the third one in the series of UN-Habitat reports, and was realised in close cooperation with ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability – Africa and United Cities Local Governments for Africa (UCLGA).

The report costs R500 (exclusive of courier charges).

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**EVENTS**

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

**South Africa International Renewable Energy Conference 2015 (SAIREC)**
4 – 7 Oct 2014
South Africa, TBC

**4th Africasan Conference**
8 – 10 October, 2014
Dakar, Senegal

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

**COP 20 UNFCCC**
1 – 12 December, 2014
Lima, Peru