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Local Climate Solutions
for Africa

LOCS4Africa 2017: Water & Climate Congress



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The Local Climate Solutions for Africa (LOCS4Africa) Congress series is Africa's leading platform on local climate action for cities and other sub-national governments across the Continent.

It connects business and industry, investors, scientists, technical experts, development partners, national governments and civil society with Africa's cities and urban networks. LOCS4Africa offers opportunity for direct engagement and strategic discussions around current local solutions and emerging trends relating to urban resilience and low-carbon development in Africa.

It is a well-established pan-African bi-annual congress, each with a strategic theme critical to urban sustainable development, in line with emerging global trends. The congress places strong emphasis on local leadership and innovative approaches to sustainable development in Africa's urban context.

Focus on Cities: Water & Climate

LOCS4Africa 2017 will explore critical links between climate change and urban water and sanitation in Africa's cities. Globally, only 2% of our planets' water is freshwater, which is fundamental to both human and urban development.

Across the continent, urban communities are already facing increasing water scarcity, which is further exacerbated by climate change, urbanization and lack of adequate infrastructure.

- Kobie Brand, Regional Director, ICLEI Africa

Water is THE critical challenge for many of our local governments. African cities, as diverse as large metro's to small towns, are increasingly experiencing challenges of water security, drought and flooding. As such, there has never been a more relevant time for a pan-African congress to move "from dialogue to action" providing on the ground solutions, unpacking emerging trends and unlocking financial mechanisms.

LOCS4Africa will:

- Connect Africa's cities with local to global water and climate solutions
- Reimagine development within a rapidly urbanizing landscape
- Unpack water and climate opportunities for African cities arising from the Paris Agreement, the New Urban Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals

INAUGURAL LAUNCH CONFERENCE OF AFRIALLIANCE

LOCS4Africa 2017: Water & Climate Congress is pleased to announce that it will serve as the host platform for the **Inaugural Launch Conference of AfriAlliance**: 'Africa-EU Innovation Alliance for Water and Climate' project. AfriAlliance is an ambitious 5-year project, funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme, to get Africa better prepared to meet climate change challenges. The project will facilitate the collaboration of African and European stakeholders in the areas of water and climate innovation, research, policy, and capacity development. Rather than creating new networks, the AfriAlliance partners will consolidate existing ones, consisting of scientists, decision makers, practitioners, citizens and other key stakeholders, to stimulate the sharing of knowledge to address water related challenges.

The AfriAlliance launch is a one and a half day conference taking place during the LOCS4Africa Congress that will serve as the inaugural meeting of the AfriAlliance Innovation Alliance on the African Continent. It will present the AfriAlliance Action Groups and their areas of focus; showcase African research, innovation, policy and capacity development initiatives that are looking for European partners and vice versa; and provide the opportunity to obtain inputs and suggestions for further shaping AfriAlliance's activities.

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Who should attend?

LOCS4Africa 2017: Water & Climate Congress is Africa's leading platform connecting local government leaders with:

- African Mayors
- African Local and Sub-National Governments
- National Governments
- Water and Climate Knowledge Institutions and Networks
- Science and Technology Centres
- Technical Experts
- Investors and Development Partners
- Business and Industry
- Utilities
- Civil Society Organisations
- Urban Entrepreneurs, Youth and Women Leaders

LOCS4Africa 2017: Water & Climate Congress themes:

- Water & Sanitation Solutions
- Driving Climate Resilience
- Integrated Urban Planning and Development
- Connecting Policy and Practice
- Unlocking Finance Mechanisms
- Thinking Global – the Paris Agreement, the New Urban Agenda and the SDG's
- Promoting Health in our Cities

Contact us

To learn more about the themes and partners: please visit www.iclei.org/africa

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