



REPORT TO: CITY MANAGER

**TO BE REFERRED BY THE OFFICIAL TO MAYCO VIA THE RELEVANT ECONOMIC
GROWTH SECTION 79 COMMITTEE [AFTER CONSIDERATION BY CITY MANAGER]**

1. ITEM NUMBER

2. SUBJECT

**FEEDBACK ON THE INTERNATIONAL/OUTSIDE THE BORDERS OF THE
RSA TRIP UNDERTAKEN FROM 17th TO 21st FEBRUARY 2025 TO
ATTEND THE C40'S GREEN & RESILIENT URBAN SHIFT AFRICA FORUM
2025 & CITY ACADEMY IN NAIROBI, KENYA.**

ISIHLOKO

**INGXELO ENGOHAMBO KUMAZWE APHESHEYA / ANGAPHANDLE
KWEMIDA YASEMZANTSI AFRIKA, OLUQHUTYWE UKUSUSELA
KOWE17 UKUYA KOWAMA21 KWEYOMDUMBA 2025 UKUZIMASA
IFORAM ENGU-C40 YANGO2025 ENGOKUTSHINTSHA
KOKUNGENABUNGOZI KOKUSINGQONGILEYO NOKULUQILIMA
KWIDOLOPHU EAFRIKA NAKWIZIKO LEZOQEQUESHO LESIXEKO, ESE
NAIROBI, E KENYA**

ONDERWERP

**TERUGVOERING OOR DIE REIS NA DIE BUITELAND / BUIITE DIE
GRENSE VAN DIE RSA ONDERNEEM VAN 17 TOT 21 FEBRUARIE 2025
OM DIE C40-STAD-AKADEMIE EN DIE "GREEN & RESILIENT URBAN
SHIFT AFRICA FORUM 2025" IN NAIROBI, KENIA BY TE WOON**

[LSU: R3044]

3. EVENT SUMMARY

EVENT DETAILS	
CONFERENCE/SEMINAR	C40'S GREEN & RESILIENT URBAN SHIFT AFRICA FORUM 2025 & CITY ACADEMY
OTHER	
DATE	17TH – 21ST FEBRUARY 2025
VENUE	HYATT REGENCY NAIROBI WESTLANDS
TOTAL COST TO THE CITY	R18 804.53
CITY	NAIROBI
COUNTRY	KENYA

ATTENDEE DETAILS	
NAME AND SURNAME	DESIGNATION
FAITH KOLALA	MANAGER: GROWTH COALITIONS

PROVIDE SUMMARY OF HOST ORGANISATION / CITY
The C40 Network for African Cities is a global alliance of cities committed to addressing climate change. The C40 Network provides various benefits to its member cities, including knowledge sharing of best practices and lessons learnt on addressing climate change; technical assistance and support to help cities develop and implement climate action plans and access to funding opportunities and grants to support climate action initiatives. The City of Cape Town is a member of the C40 network and benefits from attending, participating and sharing knowledge in C40 events. These events are of strategic importance to the City of Cape Town and ranges from master classes on building resilient cities and protecting frontline communities from climate induced losses and damages; to empowering officials to implement evidence-based decisions and policy making in public financial management to achieve their most pressing climate change objectives; and circular economies.

4. OBJECTIVE

The C40 Network invited Faith Kolala- Manager: Growth Coalitions, to attend and participate in the forum and academy to ensure the City of Cape Town's representation in actively participating and contributing to discussions on circular economy initiatives. Faith Kolala has been participating in these events together with strategic departments in the City of Cape Town (Resilience Department and Urban Planning) as well as external key stakeholders like GreenCape.

The forum afforded the participants the opportunity to attend masterclasses, workshops, presentations, interactive exercises, site visits and the sharing of best practices as well as networking with other member cities and the international community, including investors/funders.

5. OUTCOMES

- Engaged with potential investors and international finance facilitators who are exploring opportunities in energy projects that attract both public and private finance. These investors represented international companies that provides funding for circular economy related initiatives – Cygnum Capital Asset Management, Meridiam, African Development Bank (ADB), Agence Francaise de Development (AFD), Africa Infrastructure Development Association (AfIDA) and World Bank.
- Attendance of the opening ceremony conducted at the United Nations Headquarters that reflected on the progress made by the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and C40 Cities Network on the path to advancing green, resilient, and thriving cities.
- Attending and participating in the plenary forum that focussed on climate science, finance and business engagements that featured key experts and thought leaders
- Participating on a circular economy themed site visit to a Nairobi based company (Ocean Sole) - a registered non-profit, whose mission is to clean polluted beaches and provide careers to Artisans in high-impact communities through the recycling and re-purposing of discarded flip flops that ends up on beaches. This company is exporting the recycled materials overseas and empowering community members through job creation
- Attending and participating in the 3-day training delivered by UrbanShift City Academy, that offers city officials and urban practitioners' courses developed by the UNEP, World Resource Institute (WRI), C40 Cities, International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) and other global partners. The training focused on initiating circular economic systems in cities that can bring a wealth of economic, social, and environmental gains through reducing costs and eliminating waste whilst fostering economic productivity and green, local jobs. The training emphasised knowledge sharing through case studies, learning from experts in circular economy as well as presentations and group work.
- Provided input on the on-going City of Cape Town initiatives in the circular economy including case studies on the Western Cape Industrial Symbiosis Program (WISP), Material Recovery Facilities (MRF), Atlantis Special Economic Zone (ASEZ), and Cape Town based black soldier fly companies that are contributing to transforming organic waste into valuable products – rich protein feed and fertilizer for the agriculture.

6. ACTIONS REQUIRED

- Follow ups on the engagements with potential investors and funders interested in investing in Cape Town. Referrals have been made to GreenCape/ASEZ entity around interest from entities like Meridiam and AfIDA. These entities are interested in renewable energy opportunities with project size of minimum 20 gigawatt or more.
- Official to continue introducing key stakeholders – Wesgro/GreenCape and City of Cape Town officials to international funders/investors that were present at the forum as they are continuously looking for opportunities and Cape Town is looked upon as a favourable place to invest.
- Continued participation and contribution in C40 Cities network – Cape Town is a member and benefits through sharing knowledge, exchanges and networking as well as attendance of events by officials.

7. IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Constitutional and Policy Implications No ☒ Yes ☐

7.2 Environmental implications No ☒ Yes ☐

7.3 Financial Implications No ☒ Yes ☐

7.4 Legal Implications No ☒ Yes ☐

7.5 Staff Implications No ☒ Yes ☐

7.6 Risk Implications No ☒ Yes ☐

7.7 POPIA Compliance

☒ It is confirmed that this report has been checked and considered for POPIA Compliance.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the feedback report on the trip undertaken by Faith Kolala from 17 to 21 February 2025, to attend the C40's Green and Resilient Urban Shift Africa Forum 2025 & City Academy, be considered and noted.

IZINDULULO

Kundululwe ukuba makuthathelwe ingqalelo kwaye kuqwalaselwe ingxelo engasemva kohambo oluqhutywe nguFaith Kolala ukususela ngowe17 ukuya kowama21 kweyoMdumba 2025, ukuzimasa iForum enguC40 yangowama2025 engokuTshintsha kokungenabungozi kokuSingqongileyo nokuLuqilima kwiDolophu eAfrika.

AANBEVELINGS

Daar word aanbeveel dat die terugvoeringsverslag oor die reis van 17 tot 21 Februarie 2025 onderneem deur Faith Kolala om die C40-stad-akademie en die “Green and Resilient Urban Shift Africa Forum 2025” by te woon, oorweeg en daarvan kennis geneem word.

9. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Faith Kolala (Manager: Growth Coalitions) was invited to participate in the Green & Resilient UrbanShift Africa Forum 2025. UrbanShift is supported by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and UNEP. The Forum was hosted by C40 Cities, in partnership with WRI, ICLEI, and other key partners in the region.

The City of Cape Town is a member of the C40 Network and Faith Kolala has been actively participating and contributing to discussions on circular economy initiatives within the network.

The Forum brought together 250 participants from over 30 cities in the region, including mayors, city officials, national government representatives, financiers, businesses and civic organisations.

The forum focussed on resilience, urban planning, and infrastructure development. The Forum’s aim was to address the impacts of climate change amid regional development challenges while seeking opportunities to catalyse investments in sustainable urban development.

The forum afforded participants with opportunities to attend masterclasses, workshops, presentations, interactive exercises, site visits for learning and the sharing of best practices.

The attendance of the forum contributed to the City of Cape Town profiling in the C40 Network; showcasing of best practices & case studies; development of partnerships which promote circular economy principles and strengthening of cooperation among cities that value circular economies in all sectors.

10. ANNEXURES

ANNEXURE A: EVENT PROGRAM

FOR FURTHER DETAILS, CONTACT:

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DIRECTORATE	Economic Growth	FILE REF No	
SIGNATURE :			

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RUBY GELDERBLOEM

The ED's signature represents support for report content and confirms POPIA compliance.

COMMENT:

SIGNATURE:

NAME

DATE

MANAGER: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

DR. DENVER VAN SCHALKWYK

SIGNATURE:

DATE

COMMENT:

☐ REPORT COMPLIANT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF COUNCIL'S DELEGATIONS, POLICIES, BY-LAWS AND ALL LEGISLATION RELATING TO THE MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION.

LEGAL COMPLIANCE

☐ NON-COMPLIANT

COMMENT:

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Certified as legally compliant based on the contents of the report.

CITY MANAGER

☒ NOTED

☒ REFER TO THE MAYORAL COMMITTEE VIA THE RELEVANT SECTION 79 COMMITTEE

DATE

COMMENT:

Annexure A: Event Program

17 February 2025

WELCOME RECEPTION LUNCH & BADGE COLLECTION - BADGE COLLECTION IS MANDATORY FOR ALL ATTENDEES

12:00-14:00

16th Floor – Hyatt Hotel

Mandatory for all attendees

*All participants are required to collect their Forum badges on the 16th floor of the Hyatt Regency Westland Hotel. This Forum badge will grant you access to both the UN Headquarters and the Hyatt Hotel's 16th floor. **Please bring a valid ID** (passport or identity card), as it will be needed to pick up your badge and to enter the UN Headquarters for the Forum Opening Ceremony.*

TRANSPORT PROVIDED TO THE UN HEADQUARTERS, NAIROBI

14:00-15:00

16th Floor – Hyatt Hotel

Transport will be provided from the Hyatt Regency Westland Hotel to the UN Headquarters following the Welcome Reception Lunch.

UN HEADQUARTERS - SECURITY CHECKS

15:00-16:00

United Nations HQ – Nairobi

HIGH-LEVEL OPENING CEREMONY

16:00-17:30

United Nations HQ – Nairobi

Welcome remarks followed by an inspiring lineup of speakers who will reflect on the progress made so far and outline the path ahead to create green, resilient, and thriving cities.

OFFICIAL FORUM WELCOME RECEPTION

17:30-20:30

United Nations HQ – Nairobi

Join us for the Official Welcome Reception to inaugurate the Green & Resilient Urban Africa Forum. Open to all attendees, this vibrant reception will feature a special cultural performance, offering a taste of local traditions as we come together setting the stage for meaningful discussions in the days ahead.

RETURN TRANSPORT PROVIDED TO THE HYATT HOTEL, NAIROBI

20:00-21:30

United Nations HQ – Nairobi

Transport will be provided from the UN Headquarters to the Hyatt Regency Westland Hotel following the Official Forum Welcome Reception.

18 February 2025

FORUM PLENARY SESSIONS

09:00-13:00

Main Ballroom – Hyatt Hotel

A series of carefully curated and impactful sessions on climate science, climate finance, and business engagement, featuring key experts and thought leaders.

NETWORKING LUNCH

13:00-14:00

Dining & Networking Area, 16th Floor – Hyatt Hotel

A networking reception lunch offered to all participants.

ACCOMMODATING URBAN GROWTH SITE VISIT

14:00-17:00

Site Visit Meeting Area 1

The Mukuru Special Planning Area (SPA) is one of the largest ever informal settlement upgrading processes. It aims to transform a 689-acre slum with some of Nairobi's severest challenges into a healthy and functioning neighbourhood, improving the lives of the 100,000 households who live there. It involves Mukuru's residents, Nairobi County government and over 40 organisations from civil society, academia and the private sector — all working together in an innovative and evolving approach to large-scale collaborative community planning.

CIRCULAR ECONOMY SITE VISIT

14:00-17:00

Site Visit Meeting Area 2

Ocean Sole is a registered non-profit whose mission is to clean polluted beaches and provide careers to artisans in high-impact communities. Its mission is to turn pollution into artwork. This project shows the sustainable business potential of circular economy and recycling actions, that has the potential to bring win-win solutions to cities.

GREEN AND THRIVING NEIGHBORHOODS SITE VISIT

14:00-17:00

Site Visit Meeting Area 3

Luthuli Avenue, one of Nairobi's busiest streets, is an example of a sustainable neighborhood planning project that improves well-being and reduces pollution. The cycling lanes and the pedestrian walkways encourage non-motorized forms of mobility, reduce vehicular emissions, and improve the air quality and health of citizens. The climate-proofed infrastructure averts urban flooding occurrences, promotes cool cities and enhances climate change resilience. The air quality

monitoring provides the evidence base to eventually create the first carbon neutral street in the region, signalling the potential of this project to lead towards a transformative impact on the fabric of the city.

SITE VISITS

14:00-17:00

16th Floor – Hyatt Hotel

Four site visits will be happening in parallel and covering multiple themes, with more details to follow. The organizers will assign you to a visit based on your background and availability.

Transport to the site visit and back to the Hyatt Hotel is included.

19 February 2025

PARALLEL SESSION: URBAN RESILIENCE - HEAT

09:00-12:00

Room D – Hyatt Hotel

This session is included with your registration but is first come, first served. Short description to be added.

PARALLEL SESSION: MULTI-LEVEL COOPERATION FOR CLIMATE ACTION IN AFRICAN CITIES

09:00-12:00

Ballroom C – Hyatt Hotel

This session is included with your registration but is first come, first served. Short description to be added.

INVESTORS ROUNDTABLE [MORNING]

09:00-12:00

Meeting Room 1, 6th Floor – Hyatt Hotel

C40 will host the Investors Roundtable, a session aimed at municipal authorities and investors. The focus will be on energy projects that attract both public and private finance. Types and sizes of projects will be determined by the participating cities' context.

Moreover, an Investor Guide will be developed on clean energy, offering comprehensive insights into the regional investment landscape, along with quantitative and qualitative data on investment prospects.

PARALLEL SESSION: FINANCING THE FUTURE OF URBAN MOBILITY - UNLOCKING THE BIG WINS IN E-MOBILITY AND ACTIVE TRANSPORT

09:00-12:00

Ballroom B – Hyatt Hotel

This session is included with your registration but is first come, first served. Through candid conversation with development finance leaders and city representatives, this session will explore the urban infrastructure needs and equity opportunities of integrated urban electric mobility systems in Global South cities.

Additionally, it will showcase global best practices in active mobility, highlighting its impact on city planning, and provoke discussion on why this cost-effective solution is often overlooked by governments and funders, and how this can be changed in the next decade. The conversation on upscaling and integrating the climate 'big wins' of e-mobility and active mobility within the urban context will be advanced through highlighting innovative case studies from Global South cities and hosting panel discussions on pragmatic pathways foreword.

PARALLEL SESSION: POLITICAL LEADERS' MASTERCLASS ON CLIMATE CHANGE

09:00-12:00

Ballroom A – Hyatt Hotel

This session is included with your registration but is first come, first served. The Political Leadership Masterclass aims to promote dialogue and knowledge sharing amongst political leaders from African cities. This highly interactive session will create a platform to foster multi-level dialogue on climate policies, governance and climate action deepening participants' understanding of how climate change links to their developmental priorities and enhancing their ability to drive meaningful change within their jurisdictions to meet ambitious country commitments.

NETWORKING LUNCH

12:00-14:00

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PARALLEL SESSION: ACCELERATING CLIMATE RESILIENT URBAN PLANNING IN AFRICAN CITIES - LEARNING FROM INTEGRATING FLOOD RISK CONSIDERATIONS WITH URBAN DEVELOPMENT PLANS

14:00-17:00

Room D – Hyatt Hotel

This session is included with your registration but is first come, first served. Accelerating climate resilient urban planning in African cities: Learning from integrating flood risk considerations with urban development plans

PARALLEL SESSION: CITY-BUSINESS CLIMATE ALLIANCE WORKSHOP

14:00-17:00

Ballroom C – Hyatt Hotel

This session is included with your registration but is first come, first served.

The City-Business Hub will be an afternoon convening event on the 19th of February for cities and business representatives to meet and learn about public-private collaborations to reduce emissions, adapt to climate risks and create good green jobs. The event will consist of panel discussions, group discussions, activities and networking opportunities to promote peer-to-peer learning.

PARALLEL SESSION: CLEAR SKIES AHEAD - HOW CLEAN AIR ACTION CAN CATALYSE FAIR AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

14:00-17:00

Ballroom B – Hyatt Hotel

This session is included with your registration but is first come, first served.

How can fast-growing African cities catalyse fair and sustainable growth? This session will showcase how equitable and inclusive clean air action can lead to sustainable growth and resilience while reducing climate emissions. Learn how C40 African cities are turning opportunities for clean air action into reality.

PARALLEL SESSION: DEEP DIVE INTO NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS

14:00-17:00

Ballroom A – Hyatt Hotel

This session is included with your registration but is first come, first served.

Short description to be added.

FORUM NETWORKING RECEPTION

17:00-19:30

Dining & Networking Area, 16th Floor – Hyatt Hotel

20 February 2025

CITY ACADEMY DAY 1: ACCOMMODATING URBAN GROWTH [MORNING]

09:00-12:00

Ballroom C – Hyatt Hotel

This interactive workshop led by C40 Cities will deal with the urban planning policies and regulations that are being implemented in African cities and elsewhere to create productive, inclusive and sustainable cities in the face of urban sprawl and climate change. Through a series of contributions from discussions and interactive exercises, participants will be equipped with knowledge and insights on how to plan urban growth in a more sustainable and resilient way, understanding local contexts.

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09:00-12:00

Ballroom A – Hyatt Hotel

This interactive course led by the UN Environment Programme will provide participants with concrete planning and design strategies and tools for transforming neighbourhoods into liveable places for people, reaching net zero targets and implementing circular economy processes, while enhancing economic vibrancy and inclusiveness. The course will present strategies including the 15-minute city concept, methods for greening and connecting neighbourhoods with well-designed and inclusive public realm, as well as with Nature-based Solutions and bioclimatic principles. Strategies for decarbonization and circularity will also be discussed.

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21 February 2025

CITY ACADEMY DAY 2: ACCOMMODATING URBAN GROWTH [MORNING]

09:00-12:00

Ballroom C – Hyatt Hotel

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CITY ACADEMY CLOSING RECEPTION

16:00-17:30

Dining & Networking Area, 16th Floor – Hyatt Hotel

A networking reception to close the Forum.