



REPORT TO: CITY MANAGER

**TO BE REFERRED BY THE OFFICIAL TO MAYCO VIA THE SPATIAL PLANNING AND
ENVIRONMENT 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 2 DECEMBER 2024 TO 3 DECEMBER
2024 TO ATTEND THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME -
AFRICA REGIONAL PRACTITIONER WORKSHOP ON NATURE-BASED
SOLUTIONS (NbS) IN NAIROBI, KENYA**

ONDERWERP

**TERUGVOERING OOR DIE INTERNASIONALE REIS BUITE DIE GRENSE
VAN DIE RSA ONDERNEEM VAN 2 TOT 3 DESEMBER 2024 OM DIE
VERENIGDE NASIES SE OMGEWINGSPROGRAM – AFRIKASTREEK SE
PRAKTISYNWERKSWINKEL OOR NATUURGEBASEERDE OPLOSSINGS
(NbS) IN NAIROBI, KENIA BY TE WOON**

ISIHLOKO

**INGXELO ENGASEMVA KOHAMBO KUMAZWE APHESHEYA /
ANGAPHANDLE KWEMIDA YASEMZANTSI AFRIKA, EBIQHUTYWE
UKUSUSELA NGOWE2 UKUYA KOWE3 KWEYOMNGA, UKUZIMASA
INKQUBO ENGOKUSINGQONGILEYO ENGAMAZWE AMANYENEYO
EHLABATHI – INTLANGANISO ENGOKUFUNDISANA YEENGCALI
ZENGINGQI YEAFRIKA NGOKUMALUNGA NEZISOMBULULO
EZIJOLISWE KUJOLISWE KWEZENDALO (NbS) , ESE NAIROBI, E
KENYA**

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3. EVENT SUMMARY

EVENT DETAILS	
CONFERENCE/SEMINAR	UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME - AFRICA REGIONAL PRACTITIONER WORKSHOP ON NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS (NbS)
OTHER	The City was invited to participate by United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) to participate in African regional Practitioner workshop on Nature Based Solutions (NbS) due to the City's designation as a 'role model city' within the UNEP's #GenerationRestoration (#GenRes) programme and concurrent designation as a 'lighthouse city' under its Urban Nature Program. Natalie Newman who is responsible for the City's Dune Rehabilitation Programme was designated as the technical expert to represent the City and give a presentation on behalf of the City, at the workshop showcasing relevant examples and governance mechanisms in use by the City, that underpin urban nature restoration, and climate change linked interventions.
DATE	2nd and 3rd December 2024
VENUE	United Nations Environmental Program Headquarters, Gigiri, Nairobi
TOTAL COST TO THE CITY	R4541.17
CITY	Nairobi
COUNTRY	Kenya

ATTENDEE DETAILS

NAME AND SURNAME

DESIGNATION

NATALIE NEWMAN

HEAD: COASTAL MANAGEMENT

PROVIDE SUMMARY OF HOST ORGANISATION / CITY

In early 2023, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) launched the “Generation Restoration (GenRes): Catalysing a nature-based transformation in finance, jobs and cities” (2023-2025) project, in partnership with International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI): Local Governments for Sustainability (with whom the City has an active membership). The aim being to implement a package of measures addressing targeted political, technical, and financial challenges to promote ecosystem restoration in urban areas. The project fits into the United Nations (UN) Decade on Ecosystem Restoration and Global Biodiversity Framework pairing role model and pilot cities. The City of Cape Town was invited to serve as one of the role model cities, with formal support for the City to participate given by Alderman Eddie Andrews in September 2023.

The Urban Nature Program (UNP) seeks to advance “Nature Positive Development in cities and regions”, specifically aiming to scale-up financing support (i.e. multilateral development banks / agencies, financial institutions, and private sector) for cities and sub-national governments for implementation of nature-positive development actions, thus mainstreaming nature into investment. The UNP is co-led by the World Bank, UNEP, and ICLEI; and partnered by the World Resources Institute, International Union for the Conservation of Nature, C40 Cities, and World Business Council for Sustainable Development.

Core of the Generation Restoration workshops is the direct engagement with other cities, and as a role model City this will be opportunity to share experience and knowledge of urban ecosystem restoration which will assist other cities to set up similar projects of this nature within their cities.

The two main components of the Generation Restoration is to:

- Encourage and advocate in favour of public and private investment in ecosystem restoration and decent work creation through Nature-based Solutions (NbS).
- Empower city stakeholders (governments, private sector, Community Based Organizations/Non-Governmental Organizations at all levels) across the globe to replicate and upscale ecosystem restoration initiatives.

UNEP provides a unique platform to highlight the role of Cities in the achieving sustainability and resilience, especially in the face of climate change and biodiversity loss. The platforms created by UNEP provides the City with an opportunity to showcase the excellent work in Cape Town, to protect and restore the environment, including the Coastal Management Branches Dune Rehabilitation Projects.

4. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the workshop was to foster collaboration and knowledge exchange by bringing together representatives from other cities and countries' under the World Bank / UNEP Urban Nature Program, with the host teams, and a range of selected specialists, to provide opportunity to:

- Connect, share and learn from expertise and experience across all generation restoration cities;
- To gain concrete ideas of how to implement and scale up urban ecosystem restoration projects, and how the City can improve the knowledge base and successes we already have;
- Engage with UNEP experts and explore further opportunities for collaboration and engagement as part of the generation restoration project and beyond;
- Identify opportunities for collaboration across cities and regions with donors and experts; and
- Establish Global networks of like-minded practitioners and lay the ground for further collaboration.

5. OUTCOMES

Attendance at the works provided opportunities for direct interaction with the other global cities, in turn sharing practical experience and lessons learnt as well as learning from them and enhancing Cape Town's own urban ecosystem restoration projects further. It provided opportunity to:

- Show case the City Urban Ecosystem Restoration Projects, lessons learnt, challenges experienced;
- Opportunity to learn from other Cities and project implementers working with Nature Based solutions; and
- Identify opportunities for collaboration across cities and regions, with donors and experts; and

The interaction with and learning from other global cities will enhance Cape Town's urban ecosystem restoration projects directly through lessons learnt and access to others who have undertaken such projects.

6. ACTIONS REQUIRED

No actions required, however, cities have been encouraged to keep sharing information and promote knowledge exchanges. Ongoing online interactions are proceeding in the form of information exchange and webinars by role model and pilot cities.

The next UNEP #GenRes in-person workshop will be held in Cape Town South Africa (24 to 28 March, 2025) and will be co-hosted by the City of Cape Town and ICLEI Africa.

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.

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8. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the feedback report on the trip to attend The United Nations Environment Programme - Africa Regional Practitioner Workshop On Nature-Based Solutions (NbS) undertaken by Natalie Newman on 2 December 2024 and 3 December 2024 **be considered and noted.**

AANBEVELINGS

Daar word aanbeveel dat **oorweging geskenk word** aan die terugvoeringsverslag oor die reis onderneem deur Natalie Newman om die Verenigde Nasies se omgewingsprogram – Afrikastreek se

praktisynswerkswinkel oor natuurgebaseerde oplossings (NbS) op 2 en 3 Desember 2024 by te woon, en **dat daarvan kennis geneem word.**

IZINDULULO

Kundululwe ukuba **makuthathelwe ingqalelo kwaye kuqwalaselwe** ingxelo engasemva kohambo lokuzimasa iNkqubo engokuSingqingleyo yaMazwe aManyeneyo eHlabathi - eyiNtlanganiso engokuFundisana yeeNgcali zeNgingqi yeAfrika, ngokumalunga neziSombululo ezijoliswe kwiNdalo (NbS], olwaqhutywa nguNatalie Newman ukususela ngowe2 ukuya kowe3 kweyoMnga 2024.

9. GENERAL DISCUSSION

City experts drawn from these lighthouse cities were invited to join the in-person collaborative workshop in Nairobi, Kenya, for the Africa Regional Practitioner Workshop on Nature-Based Solutions (NbS): Scoping needs and gaps in implementation and upscaling. The workshop brought together a range of key actors across the NbS intervention process, from the enabling environment to project design, implementation, management, monitoring and reporting, as well as other relevant stakeholders such as academics and researchers, among others. The outcome of the workshop was to identify challenges and barriers faced by NbS practitioners and technical factors in implementing and upscaling NbS on the ground and identify potential solutions explored. Also to increase awareness, understanding and use of the outcome documents from the Consultations by NbS practitioners and implementers at all levels.

The workshop focused on Bring together a range of key actors across the NbS intervention process, from the enabling environment to project design, implementation, management, monitoring and reporting, as well as other relevant stakeholders such as Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs), academics and researchers, among others.

Workshop themes included:

- NbS in Africa: setting the Scene
- UNEP NbS
- Project mapping and Identifying challenges and barriers
- Identifying potential solutions
- Role of policy in facilitating NbS implementation and scaling up
- Criteria standards and Guidelines for Nbs
- Benefits of Nature Based Infrastructure

- Urban NbS
- Innovative finance for NbS
- Discussion session on solutions and UNEP's potential role in facilitating and supporting Identified solutions

The City presented: NbS in Cities: Case studies from Cape Town South Africa. The presentation Showcased the City programmes supporting NbS approaches including the:

- Green infrastructure Programme
- Liveable Urban Waterways Programme
- Dune Management Programme
- Water programme

As well as project examples of NbS interventions including Hout Bay and Table View Dune Rehabilitation Project, Silvermine Wetlands flood alleviation project and the invasive alien vegetation removal for water supply project.

Participants:

- Reviewed and discussed the needs and priorities identified during the Intergovernmental consultations in each region, as recorded in the Co-Chairs' summary.
- Viewed each NbS project as a system, to identify and acknowledge the importance of all roles across the project life cycle and enabling environment.
- Identified particular challenges or barriers to implementation and upscaling of NbS faced at all stages in each region.
- Brainstormed and explored potential solutions to these barriers and challenges, and specifically where participants think UNEP supports or adds the most value in the region.
- Review the Co-Chairs' recommendations, reflect on their applicability and relevance in the regional context, and discuss how and which of these recommendations could help resolve the issues identified.

10. ANNEXURES

None

FOR FURTHER DETAILS, CONTACT:

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ROBERT MCGAFFIN

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NAME

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MANAGER: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

DR. DENVER VAN SCHALKWYK

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DATE

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LEGAL COMPLIANCE

☐ NON-COMPLIANT

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CITY MANAGER

☒ NOTED

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COMMENT: