



Local Climate Solutions *for Africa* Congress Series

The biennial Local Climate Solutions for Africa (LOCS) Congress series aims to serve as a unique and accessible platform for local leaders to share and consolidate vision, build position and forge new and innovative partnerships to accelerate local climate action in Africa. It features plenary sessions, thematic sessions, and field trips, as well as the high-level segment, Urban Leadership for African Sustainability (ULAS)—bringing local governments and the private sector together to discuss prospects and challenges for a Green Urban Economy.

LOCS 2011 AT A GLANCE:

5 day congress

Over 100 plenary and thematic sessions

380 registered participants

from more than 50 African countries

Over 40 local and international partners

Local Climate Solutions for Africa 2011 (LOCS2011) was the first in this African climate change congress series. Hosted in partnership with the City of Cape Town, it was held at Cape Town International Convention Centre.

Ahead of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties 17 (UNFCCC COP17), the congress served as a preparatory platform for Africa's local and sub-national authorities and their partners to prepare for participation and representation at COP17 in Durban, South Africa. Highlights of the event include the formulation and adoption of the African Mayors Climate Change Declaration 2011, as well as the launch of ICLEI Africa's Urban Leadership for African Sustainability (ULAS) programme.

The 2013 Congress built on the successes achieved at the inaugural LOCS Congress. Hosted in partnership with the City of Dar es Salaam in Tanzania, it was held at the Kunduchi Beach Resort and Hotel.

Parallel thematic sessions focused on the Food-Energy-Water nexus. In addition the second high-level ULAS segment saw the adoption of the main outcome of the LOCS 2013 Congress, the African local leaders Dar es Salaam Communiqué in support of the Local Government Climate Roadmap 2013-2015, which was fed into the UNFCCC COP19 conference that took place in Poznan, Poland.

LOCS 2013 AT A GLANCE:

3 day congress

Over 20 plenary, thematic, and training sessions

Over 450 registered participants

from more than 25 countries

Over 40 local and international partners

LOCS 2015 is strategically timed as a pan-African gathering of local governments in line with the Local Government Climate Roadmap to prepare for the UNFCCC COP 21 in Paris, France later that year. We welcome partnerships with interested parties from a broad spectrum of stakeholders (international organisations, private sector, academia, civil society) across the world.

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