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Local Climate Solutions *for Africa 2011*

Highlights and key outcomes

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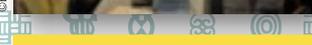
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The opening plenary of LOCS2011 at the Cape Town International Convention Centre.

Mobilising African leadership in local climate action: the Local Climate Solutions for Africa 2011 Congress

Local Climate Solutions for Africa 2011 (LOCS2011) was the first African climate change congress held under the ICLEI Africa Urban Leadership for African Sustainability (ULAS) programme. It provided 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 towards sustainable development.

Ahead of the UNFCCC COP17 taking place in South Africa, the congress also served as an excellent preparatory platform for Africa's local and sub-national authorities and their partners to prepare for participation and representation at the upcoming South African hosted United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties 17 (UNFCCC COP17) meetings in Durban at the end of 2011.

Advancing new partnerships across Africa and beyond

LOCS2011, which was co-hosted by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability and the City of Cape Town, was supported by over 40 congress partners, bringing together global and regional partners, regional programmes, government and non-government partners, civil society, scientists and experts, development aid agencies, development banks and business and corporate partners. In this regard, LOCS2011 successfully drew attention to the global significance of consolidated local climate action in Africa and fostering support from a wide range of organisations and institutions.



The European Union Ambassador to South Africa, Mr Roeland van Geer, Mayor of Saint Louis, Senegal, Mr Cheikh Dieye and ICLEI Secretary General, Mr Konrad Otto-Zimmermann, on the panel for the opening of the congress.





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Mayor of Durban, South Africa, Mr Obed Mlaba, ICLEI Secretary General, Mr Konrad Otto-Zimmermann and Executive Director of Greenpeace International, Dr Kumi Naidoo.



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The strategically cross-cutting LOCS2011 Congress themes provided a platform for exchange and encouraged the sharing of local climate action experiences, challenges and solutions in Africa.

LOCS2011 facts and figures

LOCS2011 attracted widespread attention from around Africa and the globe. This 5 day congress saw:

- 380 registered participants
- from over 50 African cities
- engaging in more than 100 plenary and thematic session presentations

LOCS2011 attracted mayors and high-level dignitaries from more than 25 West, East, Central and Southern African countries, including many key South African local and national government representatives.



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Strategically cross-cutting LOCS2011 Congress themes provide a platform for exchange

With over 380 registered participants representing over 50 African countries, LOCS2011 was a truly African forum on climate change providing an excellent platform for the leaders of African cities to meet and discuss climate challenges and solutions in the African context, with input from international experts.

The congress themes were strategically cross-cutting and interlinked with a strong emphasis on local leadership, financing and accelerated integrated action at local and sub-national level, such as:

- Local leadership, governance and planning for Africa in the context of rapid global change
- Africa's future cities – building resilience to climate change:
 - energy security and access in a future low-carbon world
 - water security, quality and access
 - health, well-being and quality of urban life
 - infrastructure and essential services
 - local biodiversity and ecosystem based adaptation.
- Africa's communities – pivotal partners for locally sustainable climate action and attainment of the Millennium Development Goals
- Climate change science and technology – advances and challenges in a local context
- New opportunities for urban livelihoods – building Africa's green economy
- Resource mobilisation and new partnerships for accelerated local climate action



Key actions and outcomes

- Adoption of the African Mayors Climate Change Declaration 2011 which will be presented to the Conference of the Parties at the UNFCCC COP17 in Durban.
- Launch of ICLEI Africa's Urban Leadership for African Sustainability (ULAS) programme which connects leaders, facilitates information exchange, informs policy processes, shares good practice and develops innovative, locally designed and practical tools.
- Launch of ICLEI Africa's Climate Change Adaptation in Africa (CCAA) "Five City Network Project" Competition, which is funded by DFID and IDRC through the CCAA programme to secure adaptation SEED funding.
- High-level Mayoral Roundtable discussion session, which connected the Continent's mayors and local leaders with corporate business, ambassadors, heads of development aid agencies, high level national government representatives and African institutions.
- Four full-day practical and interactive technical training sessions that provided participants with real solutions, practical tools and latest technologies.
- African launch of the 'Making Cities Resilient' campaign by the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR).
- Unique opportunity for local leaders to share and consolidate vision, build position and forge new and innovative partnerships to accelerate local action towards sustainable development.
- Fostering an inclusive atmosphere and ensuring a composition of participants from diverse contexts.



Participants having in-depth discussions during the high-level Mayoral Roundtable segment.



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Mayor of Saint Louis, Senegal, Mr Cheikh Dieye, discussing key issues at the high level Mayoral Roundtable segment.

Connecting urban leaders on Africa's urban future in the context of climate change

LOCS2011 convened a high-level Mayoral Roundtable segment on 1 March 2011, as part of ICLEI Africa's Urban Leadership for African Sustainability (ULAS) programme. This exclusive session, was co-facilitated by ICLEI Secretary General, Mr Konrad Otto-Zimmermann and the Director of the Cambridge Programme for Sustainability Leadership's Southern Africa office, Mr Peter Willis, and included discussions on improving integration between different sectors and how to build world class cities of the future.

Aligned with the overarching congress themes focused on rapid responses and innovative solutions to climate change in an African urban sustainability context, these Roundtable sessions provided a unique platform for urban leaders (mayors and city executives) to have in-depth, open and face-to-face discussions with business leaders, experts, development partners and national governments.



Thematic break away sessions and technical training workshops allowed for in-depth and innovative discussions.

Practical technical training sessions capacitate local leaders

The LOCS2011 congress programme included four interactive technical training sessions which aimed to build capacity and share lessons and experiences. These sessions focused on:

- Sustainable urban energy solutions
- Valuing ecosystem services and biodiversity
- Local initiatives towards the attainment of the water and sanitation MDGs and
- Adapting to climate change

These practical full-day training sessions were hosted by Sustainable Energy Africa and ICLEI Africa; The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) and the ICLEI/IUCN Local Action for Biodiversity (LAB) Programme; United Cities and Local Governments Africa and ICLEI Africa; and UN-Habitat and ICLEI Africa respectively.



LOCS2011 delegates participating in the 7 Mobile Workshops that were co-organised and hosted by the City of Cape Town and the African Centre for Cities.

Mobile Workshops at LOCS2011

The City of Cape Town together with the African Centre for Cities (ACC) organised and hosted a range of Mobile Workshops on the penultimate day of the congress. The workshops took participants on guided tours around the city to explore on-the-ground urban climate challenges and solutions around the following themes:

- The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity
- Coastal challenges call for innovative local climate action
- Resource-efficient cities: renewable energy and energy efficiency for low carbon development
- Integrated urban water management and quality
- Inner-city innovation and partnership, including urban mobility
- Eco-efficiency and the carbon footprint of big events and
- Healthy and happy communities: well-being in an urban context





Delegates from Port Louis, Mauritius: Councillor Sudhir Ramtohal and Lord Mayor Mahamad Kodabaccus supporting the Meat-free Monday campaign at the congress.



“Local Governments are at the coalface of climate change. It is at this level of government, closest to the people and communities, where climate change adaptation and mitigation solutions can be found. Cumulative local action driven by local governments in their communities are key to solving the global climate change challenges. African cities indicated strongly that they wanted to work closely together, drawing strength from each other.”

Mr Konrad Otto-Zimmermann, Secretary General of ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability

“All the local governments’ concerns are the same throughout Africa - population increase and urbanisation - so if we have good practices in one area in Africa we should be able to duplicate this everywhere in Africa. We need to get organised ourselves as African local governments so that we can go forward together.”

Mr Sélga Ligoussou, National Association of Local Governments in Benin



“Isolated communities will be badly affected if local governments don’t step up and unite in facing the challenges presented by climate change... we need to create strong urban leadership in harmony with the planet.”

Mr Obed Mlaba, Mayor of Durban, South Africa





LOCS2011 provided 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.

“We extend a hand of friendship to the local government community. This struggle is far too big for one sector of society to tackle alone, we must all work together to solve climate change.”

Dr Kumi Naidoo, Executive Director of Greenpeace International



“Global climate is everyone’s business.”

Mr Muchadeyi Masunda, Mayor of Harare, Zimbabwe



“Not one city in the World can say that they don’t experience some problems associated with climate change.”

Mr Cheikh Mamadou Abiboulaye Dieye, Mayor of Saint Louis, Senegal



“The role for effective coordination at various levels is essential for the effective and efficient response to the challenges posed by climate change. Marine and coastal erosion, droughts, floods, water bodies drying up, etc. all need solutions that calls for effective leadership at the administrative level closest to the people.”

Ms Esterine Lisinge-Fotabong, Programme Director from NEPAD





The Local Government Climate Roadmap: Towards the UNFCCC COP17

Climate Protection with Local Governments as Governmental Stakeholders

As a parallel process to the United Nations Bali Roadmap, local governments and their associations launched the Local Government Climate Roadmap at the 13th Conference of the Parties (COP13) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Bali, Indonesia, in December 2007. This process was initiated by ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability and United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) and was set up to accompany and follow international climate negotiations to achieve a far-reaching climate agreement which includes the legal and institutional empowerment of local and regional governments in the forthcoming global climate deal.

At the UNFCCC COP16 in Mexico, the crucial role of both local and sub-national governments as “governmental stakeholders” was recognised in the implementation of climate action. Following on from this key achievement, ICLEI and UCLG are continuing the process of advocacy and awareness raising toward the next global climate negotiations taking place at the UNFCCC COP17 in Durban. See www.iclei.org/climate-roadmap for more on the Local Government Climate Roadmap.

Key achievements for local governments at COP16 in Cancún, Mexico

- Introduction of the Mexico City Pact and carbon_n Cities Climate Registry as the global response of local governments to measurable, reportable, verifiable (MRV) climate action
- Recognition of Local Governments (LGs): for the first time, national governments in Cancún recognised LGs as key governmental stakeholders in global climate change efforts
- Numerous references to local governments in the COP16 Decision on “Outcome of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group on long-term Cooperative Action under the Convention (LCA)”
- Inclusion of possible city-wide programmes in the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) for simplification of Programme of Activities within the scope of further guidance to CDM

The African Mayors Climate Change Declaration

LOCS2011 was strategically timed ahead of the upcoming global climate negotiations United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties 17 (UNFCCC COP17) taking place later this year in the City of Durban. ICLEI Africa, with its partners, is committed to supporting further local climate advocacy and awareness raising efforts around Africa ahead of these important deliberations - towards a new global climate framework.

A significant outcome of LOCS2011 was the formulation and adoption of this African Mayors Climate Change Declaration 2011, calling on nations to deliver an equitable and comprehensive global deal at the UNFCCC COP17. The African Mayors Climate Change Declaration urges nations to recognise Africa’s local governments as pivotal partners in implementing climate change action and to build and develop a just and pro-poor framing of the global response to climate change. In the months ahead of COP17, this African Mayors Climate Change Declaration 2011 will be driven forward by the City of Durban (as COP17 hosts), the City of Cape Town (as LOCS2011 hosts) and others and will be presented to nations and the international community on the occasion of the UNFCCC COP17.



“Cities play a vital role in driving the implementation of UN agreements at local level.”

Ms Rejoice Mabudafhasi, Deputy Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, South Africa

Strong and Comprehensive Post - 2012 Global Climate Agreement

Durban 2011
UNFCCC COP17

Cancún 2010
UNFCCC COP16

Copenhagen 2009
UNFCCC COP15



Local Government Climate Roadmap
www.iclei.org/climate-roadmap



UNISDR 'Making Cities Resilient: My city is getting ready' campaign

Cities and local governments need to get ready, reduce the risks and become resilient to disasters. For the next two years and beyond, the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) will mobilise efforts together with its partners for this to happen through the "Making Cities Resilient: My city is getting ready" campaign. The campaign proposes a ten-point checklist of 'Ten Essentials for Making Cities Resilient' to serve as a guide for commitment by Mayors. The LOCS2011 Congress saw the African launch of this campaign, with four African cities signing up immediately, including Entebbe (Uganda), Nioro du Rip (Senegal), Walvis Bay and Swakopmund (Namibia), while a number of other local governments showed interest in joining the campaign to achieve resilience and sustainable urban communities in their countries.



Mr Joseph Kimbowa from Entebbe Municipality in Uganda, signing up to the UNISDR "My city is getting ready campaign" at the Congress Dinner with Mr Youcef Ait Chellouche, Deputy Regional Coordinator, UNISDR.



ICLEI's Five City Adaptation Project city representatives and project researchers following an Adaptation technical training session which included the launch of the "Save Your City: Adapt to Climate Change Adaptation competition".

"Save Your City" adaptation competition launched

The "Save Your City" adaptation competition was launched by ICLEI Africa's Climate Change adaptation workstream at LOCS2011 for its "Five City Network Project", funded by DFID and IDRC through the CCAA programme to win adaptation SEED funding for practical and sustainable solutions to the impacts of climate change. The Five City Network pioneers climate adaptation through participation, research and local action. The five cities are Walvis Bay, Namibia; Cape Town, South Africa; Maputo, Mozambique; Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and Port Louis, Mauritius. The competition is open to these cities as well as other cities that choose to partner with them. The funding will go towards initiating or supporting innovative initiatives and programmes proposed by the cities.

For more information about submitting proposals for this competition, please contact the ICLEI Africa Climate Adaptation Programme Manager, Ms Lucinda Fairhurst at lucinda.fairhurst@iclei.org



The carbonn Cities Climate Registry *Local climate action the world can count on*

The carbonn Cities Climate Registry (cCCR) is a global mechanism that encourages local governments to regularly and publicly report on their greenhouse gas reduction commitments, GHG emissions inventories and climate mitigation/adaptation actions.

The cCCR designed by local governments for local governments as a means of enabling measurable, reportable and verifiable local climate action. Local and subnational governments are encouraged to show their climate actions to the international community by signing the Mexico City Pact and registering their actions through the carbonn Cities Climate Registry www.citiesclimateregistry.org.



Delegates from across Africa enjoying the Cape Town Host City Dinner at Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens.

The City of Cape as co-host to LOCS2011

ICLEI Africa would like to thank the City of Cape Town as LOCS2011 co-host for their generous support and active participation, and congratulates the City and all its partners for launching the Cape Town Climate Coalition during this congress.

The Cape Town host city dinner at Kirstenbosch Botanical Gardens

On Wednesday 2 March 2011, mayors and delegates from LOCS2011 attended a dinner and evening of entertainment, hosted by the City of Cape Town at the Kirstenbosch National Botanical Garden. The event served as the official launch of the Cape Town Climate Change Coalition, with the festive background of a dinner, speeches, local musicians and other traditional Cape entertainment.

The Executive Mayor of the City of Cape Town, Alderman Dan Plato, launched the coalition by stating that:

“It is important that a common understanding of climate change and sustainability issues is developed between organisations and the citizens of Cape Town so as to ensure buy-in and participation on the part of the citizens and other role-players, and that is exactly what this coalition hopes to achieve.”

The coalition is to represent an alliance of organisations and partners - governmental and non-governmental – as well as researchers and educators, who have agreed that they will continue to work together towards ensuring that Cape Town and the Western Cape region take full advantage of the hosting of the UNFCCC COP 17 in Durban at the end of the year, and to building Cape Town citizens’ understanding of and commitment to managing energy and climate change issues in a resilient manner.

West African Adinkra symbols linked to congress themes and Urban Leadership for African Sustainability (ULAS) Programme

Five West African Adinkra symbols, each with its own characteristics and meanings, were adopted by ICLEI Africa’s ULAS (Urban Leadership for African Sustainability) initiative for their symbolic connection to the core aims of ULAS. These symbols were used throughout the LOCS congress to reinforce the congress themes and objectives within the African cultural context. They were also given formal recognition in the preamble of the African Mayors Climate Change Declaration that was adopted at LOCS2011.

CATEGORIES: WEST AFRICAN ADINKRA SYMBOLS					
NAMES	ADINKRA-HENE	ASASE YE DURU	BOA ME NA ME MMOA WO	DENKYEM	NEA ONNIM NO SUA A, OHU
MEANINGS	Chief of Adinkra symbols	The Earth has weight	Help me and let me help you	Crocodile	He who does not know can know from learning
CHARACTERISTICS	Greatness, Charisma, Leadership	Divinity of Mother Earth	Cooperation, Inter-dependence	Adaptability	Knowledge, life-long education





Mayor of Nioro du Rip, Senegal, Mr Ousmane Drame, Provincial Minister of Environment, Kinshasa Provincial Government, DRC, Ms Theresa Olonga and Mayor of Saint Louis, Senegal, Mr Cheikh Dieye.

Mayor of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, Mr Thaba Moyo and Mayor of Walvis Bay, Namibia, Mr Derek Klazen engaging at LOCS2011.

Download the LOCS2011 presentations, media releases and key outcomes
All relevant information about LOCS2011 can be accessed from the ICLEI Africa website at www.iclei.org/africa For more information, please feel free to contact iclei-africa@iclei.org



About ICLEI – Local Government for Sustainability

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, a steadily growing and widely recognised global association of more than 1220 cities, local governments and their associations, in 70 countries, plays a leading role in convening local governments in various international and United Nations forums related to sustainable development. On the ground ICLEI offers a wide suite of training and

capacity building tools and projects, local sustainability planning and project implementation, exchange programmes, sharing of good practice and building leadership and networks in an urban context – all towards more sustainable, resilient and efficient cities and towns across the globe.

ICLEI Africa, the African Regional Office for ICLEI and hosted by the City of Cape Town, South Africa, collaborates with the global ICLEI network and other regional offices around the world, in sharing tools, materials and strategies and good practices specifically designed and implemented at the local level. Our key work areas include the following: Energy and Climate Change, Water and Sanitation, Urban Biodiversity (Local Action for Biodiversity, LAB), Integrated Environmental Management and Sustainable Consumption and Production. ICLEI Africa has a growing membership of African cities, local authorities and their associations and currently works in 27 African countries.



Urban Leadership for African Sustainability (ULAS)

The African Regional Office of ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, provides cities and local governments in Africa with local solutions and networks towards sustainable development. ICLEI Africa's new Urban Leadership for African Sustainability (ULAS) programme includes a high level platform for local leaders serious about sustainability. It connects leaders, facilitates information exchange, informs policy processes, shares good practice and develops innovative, locally designed practical tools. Local Climate Solutions for Africa 2011 was the first African Congress under the ICLEI Africa ULAS programme.





Local Climate Solutions for Africa 2011

Congress Partners

The congress attracted support from 40 strategic partners from across Africa and abroad which included:



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