

UEMP, 3 Sept 2008 Information sharing workshop Summaries of discussions from breakaway groups

SESSION: Climate Change and Energy

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Key Issues

- 1) The Cities presented their progress on the Energy and Climate Change Activities
- 2) The MFMA creates barriers in terms of financial flow for processes to start in terms of the EE and CC projects in the metro's
- 3) Explore the different methodologies in terms of Risk assessment for Mitigation and adaptation for CC, e.g. Green house Gas inventory , State of Energy Report, info on ICLEI Cities for Climate Protection Campaign etc
- 4) Green house Gas inventory (National and International Guidelines exists).
- 5) GGE implementation, cost and technology needs to be investigated
- 6) Explore the use of existing technology, to use methane gas from Waste Water treatment plants – conduct audit
- 7) Climate Change Policy Summit, March 2009, should also have inputs and platform for local government
- 8) Establish a link with the ICLEI, Cities for Climate Protection project as well
- 9) Vulnerability assessment should be mandatory (Initiatives in Cape town and Eastern Cape)

Road map

- 1) Linking pilot studies from Municipality level to National/provincial – on a policy/by-laws level.
- 2) Involve non-UEMP role players, such as Dept of Housing (SWH roll out), ICLEI, National and Provincial levels and SALGA etc.
- 3) UEMP CC + EE projects, Identify leadership in each city for each issue, eg City of Cape town leader in EE awareness
- 4) Use SEED network for information sharing platform
- 5) Case studies to be documented as proof of what works, share this with SALGA
- 6) N + P + L level discussion should take place in terms of policy enrichment

SESSION: Air Quality and Health

Chair: Peter Lucky (DEAT)

Key Issues

- 1) As many of the initiatives are pioneering in the field, there is a need for more detailed information sharing. This should extend participation wider than the UEMP partners and include other spheres and all levels of government incl the local level.
- 2) Outcomes of lessons learnt should be mainstreamed into national decision making policies and processes

- 3) There is a need for 'current' data and information in the field - to upgrade the outdated info base as a result of a growing 'industry'.
- 4) There is a lack of depth in terms of expertise within government and 'outside'. There is a need to invest in the development of expertise in the field.

SESSION: Planning

Chair: Soobs Moonsammy (eThekwini)

Key Issues

- 1) EMFs
 - Tools to assess and manage growth
- 2) Key Points:
 - Politics of EMFs
 - Where EMFs best belong, its context and linkage with all other planning tools
 - Managing Conflicts on EMFs
 - Concern and Risk on what would be expected from EMFs (how responsive and tailor made vs structured approach)
 - Concerns on Risks on the processes involved in developing and approving EMFs

Suggestions for Road-map

What the Group wanted:

- 1) Better interrogation on EMFs comparable and points of excellence, detailed sharing of content of EMFs and process
- 2) Value of EMFs
- 3) Need DEAT together with relevant provinces to play a more leading role
- 4) Guidelines for EMFs, basic table of contents, expected processes to finalize EMF
- 5) Case assessment for approval via DEAT (what is expected for approval?)
- 6) There is a need for a dedicated Planning Theme workshop to focus on Sustainable Planning, EMFs and Integration of the 2 and where other cities are using other approaches.**
- 7) EMF's, SDPs and integrated products to consider CC and Energy as layers to such work and influencing policy and plan outcomes
- 8) DEAT to assist in articulating how EMFs can be responsive to pro-poor objective of UEMP
- 9) Documentation of processes/ lessons learnt – EMF Guideline doc
- 10) Presentation of eThekwini land use management/D'MOSS and spatial planning

Concluding recommendations:

1. Develop a detail info sharing and lessons learnt workshop in terms of the EMF's and other planning projects especially the methodology of the EMF's, the EMF + SEA connection (the context of the EMF in the city). This info sharing should first be done within the UEMP group then later in a national and international peer review context.
2. Leadership from DEAT on the requirements for EMF's. EMF guideline to stipulate amongst others the roles and the basis for approval.

3. Clarification on the 'Politics' around the EMF's - level of responsibility (provincial, district or local level)

SESSION: Waste Management

Chair: Dee Fisher (DEAT)

Key issues

- 3) There was a need to engage industry, many of the pilot projects can only go so far then industry input and funding is need to take them forward.
- 4) There needs to be more impact from pilots. The team felt that there was a need to take a national pilot forward, suggested something around waste minimisation. This would be a formal arrangement through a service level agreement between the different government departments with specific outputs identified. Such a project will help focus.
- 5) There were particular barriers identified by Local Government associated with the MFMA, this was hampering progress with many environmental projects. Requested input on how to find solutions to the barriers. First task to identify all the barriers and then as a collective look at how they could be solved.
- 6) There was also discussion about national tours to pilot projects not only a focus on international study tours.
- 7) The need for joint or collaborative projects/research not just info sharing and study tours.
- 8) Many pilots have been conducted e.g. household hazardous waste collection day. Why not identify a pilot that could become a national project linked to an environmental day etc. and conduct that project throughout the country simultaneously e.g. all provinces run a household hazardous waste collection day in at least one of their municipalities on the same day. This event could become an annual event. UEMP could help initiate such a programme and DEAT ensure its continuity.
- 9) The establishment of National Waste Forum within DEAT to be developed with possible seed funding from UEMP for the establishment of that
- 10) The proposed National Waste Management Forum to provide a platform for sharing of ideas e.g. feedback from study tours etc
- 11) Initiate a service level agreement between Local, Provincial and National level on specific areas in terms of waste management
- 12) Waste Management Training at university level
- 13) Crash course in Waste Management for municipal officials

SESSION: City Greening and Environmental Awareness

Chair: Carsten Laugesen (RDE)

Key issues

- 1) There is a need to share experiences maybe through best practice visits
- 2) Cities to try and duplicate projects which are in other cities in order to enhance shared experience learning