



REPORT

South Africa – Denmark Urban Environmental Management Programme (UEMP)

INFO SHARING WORKSHOP + PROGRAMME REVIEW

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**VENUE: KOPANONG CONFERENCE CENTRE,
GAUTENG**

Workshops facilitated by Saliem Fakir

DAY 1: 3 Sep 2008

- The workshop was organized in response to Recommendation 5 of the Program Review Document, November 2007, compiled by the UEMP evaluation team last year, to enhance dialogue and collaborative effort through reflection, sharing of experiences and facilitation of linkages between the different projects implementers. More importantly the workshop also sought to reinforce linkages and co-operation between local government, province and national government. Approx 58 UEMP participants attended the 2 day workshop.
- The main objectives of Day 1 was to have the project partners present progress, discuss opportunities, constraints and lessons learnt from the implementation of the various UEM projects up to the point of the workshop. 33 Projects were showcased suggestions informing a roadmap to enhance the future cooperation and dialogue between the various projects in the program and to ensure a contribution to adding value. The second part of the day involved a number of parallel sessions (see Annex 1). These sessions covered topics such as air quality and environmental health, planning, waste management and city greening and environmental awareness.

- The participants in the parallel sessions had to identify activities for the 2008-2009 RoadMap.

Summary from Session 1 (morning): CC + EE + Sessions 1,2,3,4 (afternoon) AQ and Env Health, Planning, Waste Management , City Greening and Environmental Awareness

A number of issues were identified:

1. Sustainable Energy Africa (SEA) was appointed by DANIDA to assist with the R 15 mil CC + EE projects of the metros with technical advice and other forms of support as required.
2. The projects identified the need for the sharing of more information between parties especially technical information regarding the various attributes of SWH systems – e.g., vacuum tube vs flat plate systems. This should include the financial aspects.
3. Other areas identified for the sharing of information are: issues related to implementation, and dealing with barriers, such as the Municipal Finance Act (MFA) and its impact on implementation.
4. The general idea was accepted that different municipalities will take a lead in certain times of climate change and energy related projects so that the lessons learnt from their processes can be shared widely. For example the LED project of eThekweni and the climate risk assessments of Cape Metro were seen as pioneering and from which other municipalities can learn a lot from.
5. It was recognized that national government and province should also be providing greater support for local government in the compilation of GHG inventories so that there is a closer link and filling of gaps on GHG inventory compilation that is happening at the national level.
6. City of Johannesburg will be hosting a climate change conference in February 2009. It has been proposed that this conference be tied in with the National Minister for Environment's proposal of a National Climate Change Policy Summit, March 2009. The latter to also provide for a municipal platform.

7. A larger issue that was raised consistently was the way in which experiences from the projects can be used to influence policy change and leadership decision-making. This is a gap and mechanism needs to be sought with the support of national and provincial government.
8. SALGA, ICLEI and Dept of Housing to be brought in the CC and EE municipal projects as well.
9. CDM linkages

Annexure 1: Summary of breakaway sessions, presentations available on www.uemp.org.za

Activities for the UEMP Roadmap

1. Greater promotion of UEM work through the web and other mechanisms – the need to share with a larger audience. It was suggested 4 Sept 08, that a similar info sharing should be organized for early 2009 to a larger and wider group to include other national departments, such as housing and transport and SALGA etc
2. Identify ways to take lessons learnt from the projects to the decision-making level and to have policy enrichment.
3. Opportunity must be created to engage in a deeper understanding the work been done. Example would be more detail on methodologies – what works and what does not work.
4. The establishment of National Waste Forum within DEAT to be developed with possible seed funding from UEMP for the establishment of that forum – the purpose of which is to share ideas and lessons learnt.
5. When best practice visits are done there should be more sharing of information from these visits to other members of the UEM programme.
6. There should be consideration given to one joint project that increases the involvement and co-operation between national, provincial and local government – some sort of service level agreement between Local, Provincial and National level on specific areas in terms of waste management.
7. Training interventions that are aimed at municipal managers around, waste management, climate change and EE. And, perhaps a university level training in waste management.
8. An expert group meeting should be held to look at ways to support the development of EMFs at a local level and their integration into spatial development plans.
9. Impact of pilots - there should be some sort of review of this.

10. There needs to be a stronger engagement with industry in terms of waste management.
11. There should be best practice visits within the UEM programme – where different cities visit each other.
12. Strong consideration should be given to expert group meetings.

DAY 2: 4 Sep 2008

Much of the discussion revolved around administrative issues. The PSC presented the update and pointed out that there overriding theme for the coming year will be on Climate Change and Energy Efficiency. The key issues that involved some debate and discussion were the following:

2010 Greening proposal

- It was pointed out that the current budget within the UEMP cannot accommodate the R70m or so request. It was proposed that the proposals be resubmitted with more realistic budgets and an indication of where other funding can be sourced. These proposals should be sent to the UEMP secretariat by **end of Sept 2008**, for the PSC meeting 23 October 2008. They will be evaluated and then a meeting will be held to discuss the way forward.
- A further point discussed was the need for DEAT to put out some guidelines for waste management. These guidelines will ensure that there is a common approach to waste management across all the stadiums.
- A proposal was made also that an experts group be formed around the way in which the carbon footprint for the 2010 Soccer world cup can be off-set. It was thought to be a good idea in general as the activity can go beyond 2010 once everything has been set up.

Resource File

A presentation was done by Jackie Cleobury from the Earth is Round, who will be traveling to all the different projects and will be compiling a resource file as a documentation of the different projects which are being implemented.

Research

The UEM secretariat pointed to four research areas where ToRs still need to be developed. The research areas are:

- Climate Change Impact (Cape Town)
- Climate Proofing in urban communities (Durban)
- Air Pollution (DEAT)
- Renewable energy and energy efficiency (this allocation is still open)

It was pointed out that a lot of research was being conducted at the national level especially under the auspices of the NCCC. The UEMP research needed to be tied with what was happening at national level. In particular there was a need to develop a comprehensive SA vulnerability atlas. A discussion will follow with national government and finalised at the next PSC meeting, 23 October 2008.

Issues related to co-operation and linkages

- Each project should identify budget line that allows for outreach and cooperation with other local governments, national government and provinces.
- Identify projects that involve some expert group interaction between the three tiers of government. Possible areas identified are:
 - EMFs / Planning
 - Climate change
 - Environmental health
- Institutional learning and the value of the of the UEMP process to be documented for other forums to learn from.

Financial management

- City of Cape Town hasn't received their funds for the R 15mil and it was requested that the matter be investigated all other partners did receive their funds.
- Need to ensure that both 6 month and 12 month reports be handed in on time together with audited financial statements.

ACTIONS

List	Designated person/time-line
2010 Greening Project – priority list – 30 September 2008	UEMP partners
2010 - Waste Management – Standards and strategies – 18 Sept 2008	DEAT to be followed up in the next two weeks.
Carbon Offsets (2010 Greening) – by end of September	Peter Lukey – DEAT
Balance Scorecard - by the end of September	. Participants will be:Carstens/ Siva Chetty / Roshni, Gottlieb Arendse, Diraj Rama and Carol Lewis
Research – Climate Change impact; Climate proofing in Urban Communities and Air pollution – before PSC meeting	DEAT and Danish Embassy meeting to develop National Framework before the PSC meeting.
UEMP to showcase programme within the Government – indicate leverage of work being done – A symposium/ conference to be held.	Early next year

Annexure 2: Program

Annexure 3: Attendance list