



REPORT TO: CITY MANAGER

**TO BE REFERRED BY THE OFFICIAL TO MAYCO VIA THE FUTURE PLANNING AND
RESILIENCE 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 23 NOVEMBER 2024 TO 29 NOVEMBER
2024 TO ATTEND THE CITY TO CITY LEARNING TOUR IN HELSINKI AND
TAMPERE, FINLAND**

ISIHLOKO

**INGXELO ENGASEMVA KOHAMBO KUMAZWE APHESHEYA/
ANGAPHANDLE KWEMIDA YASEMZANTSI AFRIKA EQHUTYWE
UKUSUSELA NGOWAMA23 UKUYA KOWAMA29 KWEYENKANGA 2024,
UKUZIMASA UNDWENDWELO OLUNGOKUFUNDA KWESIXEKO
KWESINYE ISIXEKO, EBELUJOLISWE E HELSINKI NASE TAMPERE, E
FINLAND**

ONDERWERP

**TERUGVOERING OOR DIE INTERNASIONALE REIS (BUITE DIE GRENSE
VAN DIE RSA) VAN 23 NOVEMBER 2024 TOT 29 NOVEMBER 2024 VIR
DIE BYWONING VAN DIE STAD-TOT-STAD-LEERTOER IN HELSINKI EN
TAMPERE, FINLAND**

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3. EVENT SUMMARY

EVENT DETAILS	
CONFERENCE/SEMINAR	N/A
OTHER	City to City learning tour
DATE	23 rd November 2024 - 29 th November 2024
VENUE	Helsinki and Tampere Finland
TOTAL COST TO THE CITY	R22,447.76
CITY	Helsinki and Tampere
COUNTRY	Finland
ATTENDEE DETAILS	
NAME AND SURNAME	DESIGNATION
Adetola Okunlola-Browning	PRINCIPAL PARTNERSHIPS OFFICER
PROVIDE SUMMARY OF HOST ORGANISATION / CITY	
The City to City learning tour was paid for the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and hosted by HAUS, the Finnish Institute of Public Management.	

4. OBJECTIVE

Mrs. Adetola Okunlola-Browning makes up one half of the Technical Partnerships Unit (TPU) whose purpose is to be the single entry point to City partners, in order for the City to access Technical Assistance (TA) and Non-Gazetted Grants in a strategic and coordinated manner. In this role, Mrs. Okunlola-Browning has been engaging with the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) in order to build a new partnership for the City of Cape Town.

The Finnish Government aims to have an impact on cross-border phenomena through regional development cooperation with funding being provided in the areas of:

- Renewable energy and jobs
- Circular economy and business activities
- Digital transition
- Data governance and green investment

Finland is the most digitalized country in Europe, and has become a world leader in digitalization and digital government. Under the Digital Transition banner, the Finish Government has developed and capitalized the African Digital and Green Transition (ADGT) project, which sets out to narrow digital gaps, advance a human rights-based approach, make better use of digital innovation and promote inclusive and green development.

The TPU, with the Information Systems and Technology Department, have been engaging with the MFA and HAUS, the Finnish Institute of Public Management (part

of the Ministry of Finance), in planning a possible 6 month secondment under the ADGT programme to support the Corporate Services directorate. The secondment would commence in 2025 in the form of Technical Assistance, with a value of over R1m and with no financial implications to the City. The secondment is paid for through the ADGT project and facilitated by HAUS.

As part of this process, and to facilitate a stronger partnership with the City of Cape Town, the MFA/HAUS have invited a delegation from the City of Cape Town to engage in a City to City learning process around Digitalization which will also be used to plan the upcoming secondment in 2025.

The purpose of this trip is to:

- Solidify the new partnership between the City of Cape Town and Finland.
- Finalize a 6 month secondment to Corporate Services in the area of digitalization, paid for the MFA.
- Source new TA from Finland for other areas of the City.

5. OUTCOMES

This was a learning tour. No resolutions or any other form of commitments between the hosts and City of Cape Town was made.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | - | Partnership Agreement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | - | Membership Agreement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | - | Grants Agreement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | - | Memorandum of Understanding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | - | Statement of Intent |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | - | Other |

Other: Networking with relevant stakeholders, further planning for the ADGT secondments.

6. ACTIONS REQUIRED

The trip included meetings with several relevant City stakeholders who were keen to share expertise with the City of Cape Town. The TPU will facilitate these further meetings/workshops/support to the City from the trip, actions include:

The African Digital and Green Transition, Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Finalisation of the ADGT Secondment in 2025: The TPU, working with IS&T will submit the updated concept note in January to finalise the scope of work for the seconded resource, and once finalised, the necessary approvals will be sought to sign a TA Agreement with the Ministry.

City of Helsinki innovation company Forum Virium

The City of Helsinki has an innovation and piloting specific company called Forum Virium. They are keen to share their process and expertise with the City's Engineering Management Branch (EMB) team who are working on developing City wide piloting processes. The TPU will connect the teams once the EMB team are ready to engage.

Business Finland and Business Tampere

Business Finland and Business Tampere are the National and City economic agencies. Business Finland is keen to expand their promotion of Cape Town as an

investment and business location. The TPU has engaged Invest Cape Town, and will be facilitating a meeting between Business Finland and Invest Cape Town in January 2025.

VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland

VTT are world leaders in digital twins and technical innovation and R&D. They are keen to knowledge share with the IS&T team. TPU will facilitate further engagements as defined by the IS&T team.

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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Contact your Directorate POPIA Stewards should you require assistance.

The City has a contract in place with Izani Embassy Joint Venture for the safe-keeping of Traveller's personal information as required by the POPI Act.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the feedback report on the City to City learning trip to Helsinki and Tampere in Finland undertaken by Adetola Okunlola-Browning on 23rd November 2024 to 29th November 2024 **be considered and noted.**

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Kundululwe ukuba **makuhathelwe ingqalelo kwaye kuqwalaselwe** ingexlo engasemva kohambo, ebelungondwendwelo elingokufunda kweSixeko kwesinye iSixeko, ebelujoliswe eHelsinki naseTampere, eFinland, oluqhutywe nguAdetola Okunlola-Browning ukususela ngowama23 ukuya kowama29 kweyeNkanga 2024.

AANBEVELINGS

Daar word aanbeveel dat die terugvoeringsverslag oor Adetola Okunlola-Browning se reis vir stad-tot-stad-leer van 23 November 2024 tot 29 November 2024 **oorweeg word**, en dat daarvan **kennis geneem word**.

9. GENERAL DISCUSSION

The trip was very useful both from a knowledge sharing perspective and a partnering perspective. The meetings held were very pertinent to the City teams in attendance:

9.1 Meeting City of Helsinki innovation company Forum Virium and their Smart City experts

The City of Helsinki is pioneering piloting approaches and piloting within areas of the City through living labs. They shared how they were formed and the value they add to the City of Helsinki through managing new piloting requests from City departments. While the City is not considering a separate innovation company at this stage, there were good learnings on their approach to running pilots which will be shared with EMB to help inform their development of a piloting approach. The TPU can facilitate further workshops if the EMB team deems it useful to their processes.

9.2 Meeting City of Tampere Smart City Projects

The City of Tampere's Smart City team shared their processes for Smart City development and their pathways for further developments. They shared how they envision Tampere as a future Smart City and what it could possibly mean for the City of Cape Town. The IS&T team will engage TPU to facilitate further workshops as required.

9.3 Meeting with Metropolia University of Applied Sciences Smart City and built environment experts

The Metropolia University of Applied Sciences houses the Smart and Creative City Innovation Hub, which brings together regional, national and international stakeholders from the academia, industry, public sector and civil society to learn together and co-create innovations. They shared how they utilize the Internet of Things (IoT) and sensors to manage their facilities better. They displayed their labs and scale models for experimentation of embedded tech. This demonstration and learnings from the University could inform potential ideas around harnessing embedded sensors for an improved working environment for staff via the new facilities upgrade for the Civic Centre.

9.4 Meeting with Business Finland and Business Tampere

Business Finland is Finland's official government agency for trade and investment promotion, innovation funding, travel promotion and talent attraction. Business

Finland have representatives based in Pretoria to promote Finnish Businesses in the region, however they are keen to start promoting Cape Town as a business destination for Finnish Business. As such the TPU is facilitating a meeting between Business Finland and Invest Cape Town to see areas of synergy between the two teams.

9.5 Meeting with VTT's Smart City experts and programs, including City of Espoo Smart City experts

VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland is a state-owned and controlled non-profit company, and is the largest research and technology company and research centre conducting applied research in Finland. VTT is part of Finland's innovation system and operates under the mandate of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment.

The experts at VTT shared their work in supporting the City of Espoo in developing a digital twin to run simulated models around planning, building, and policy impacts. The information shared was very useful to the City in the possible development of a Digital twin for the City of Cape Town. The IS&T team will engage TPU to facilitate further workshops as required.

The TPU will be exploring further opportunities for Technical Assistance and funding from both VTT and Business Finland in 2025, as well as finalizing the ADGT secondment.

10. ANNEXURES

FOR FURTHER DETAILS, CONTACT:

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SIGNATURE :			

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

GARETH MORGAN

The ED's signature represents support for report content and confirms POPIA compliance.

COMMENT:

SIGNATURE:

NAME _____
DATE _____

MANAGER: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

COMMENT:

DR. DENVER VAN SCHALKWYK

SIGNATURE:

DATE _____

☐ REPORT COMPLIANT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF COUNCIL'S DELEGATIONS, POLICIES, BY-LAWS AND ALL LEGISLATION RELATING TO THE MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION.

LEGAL COMPLIANCE

☐ NON-COMPLIANT

COMMENT:

NAME

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CITY MANAGER

☒ NOTED

☒ REFER TO THE MAYORAL COMMITTEE VIA THE RELEVANT SECTION 79 COMMITTEE

DATE

COMMENT: