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REPORT TO: THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE MAYORAL COMMITTEE

LC 22758

1. ITEM NUMBER MC 13/07/19
2. SUBJECT: FEEDBACK ON THE INTERNATIONAL/OUTSIDE THE BORDERS OF THE RSA TRIP UNDERTAKEN FROM 15 – 16 APRIL 2019 TO ATTEND THE RED CROSS WORLD CONFERENCE ON HEALTH AND CLIMATE CHANGE IN CANNES, FRANCE

ONDERWERP: TERUGVOERING OOR DIE INTERNASIONALE REIS (BUITE DIE GRENSE VAN DIE RSA) ONDERNEEM VANAF 15 TOT 16 APRIL 2019 OM DIE ROOI KRUIS SE INTERNASIONALE KONFERENSIE OOR GESONDHEID EN KLIMAATSVERANDERING IN CANNES, FRANKRYK BY TE WOON

ISIHLOKO: INGXELO EMALUNGA NOHAMBO OLUYA PHESHEYA /NGAPHANDLE KWEMIDA YELI LOMZANTSI AFRIKA OLUTHATYATHWE UKUSUSELA NGOWE-15 UKUYA KOWE-16 KWEKATSHAZIMPUZI 2019 UKUYA KUZIMASA INKOMFA YEHLABATHI YE-RED CROSS NEBIJOLISWE KWEZEMPELO NOGUQUQUKUO LWEMOZULU E-CANNES, E-FRANCE

[LSU: K4430]

3. EVENT SUMMARY

EVENT DETAILS	
CONFERENCE/SEMINAR	RED CROSS WORLD CONFERENCE ON HEALTH AND CLIMATE CHANGE
OTHER	N/A
DATE	15 – 16 April 2019
VENUE	Théâtre Croisette
CITY	Cannes
COUNTRY	France

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ATTENDEE DETAILS	
NAME AND SURNAME	DESIGNATION
Amy Davison	HEAD: CLIMATE CHANGE
PROVIDE SUMMARY OF HOST ORGANISATION / CITY	
<p>The conference was hosted by the French Red Cross (Croix-Rouge Française). The French Red Cross was founded in 1864, and is an independent charity working alongside governments and public authorities to provide humanitarian, health, social, welfare and training services. The French Red Cross is part of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) which is the world's largest humanitarian network that reaches 150 million people in 190 National Societies through the work of over 17 million volunteers. The conference was held in Cannes to mark the 100th anniversary of the IFRC, the world's largest humanitarian network. The IFRC, known then as the League of Red Cross Societies, was created on 5 May 1919 by the American, British, Italian, Japanese and French Red Cross societies. A month before, from 1 April to 11 April 1919, the same Red Cross societies gathered at a medical conference in Cannes to decide on how they could coordinate their public health actions and pool the resources of national Red Cross 'Committees' more effectively in time of peace. The IFRC also hosts the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre, which provides strategically important knowledge and advice on climate-smart practice throughout the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement and beyond.</p>	

4. OBJECTIVE

Ms. Davison was invited to speak at the conference in a session dedicated to "Adapting to heat waves in urban areas". This is a key area of concern for Cape Town, as heat waves can be particularly severe in urban areas due to the "urban heat island" effect. Ms. Davison previously spoke about this topic at the Adaptation Futures conference held in Cape Town in 2018, as part of a session which included various representatives of Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre. Ms. Davison was recommended by a staff member of the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre as a speaker on urban heat waves for the Red Cross World Conference on Health and Climate Change. Ms. Davison has also been working with the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre as a contributor to and reviewer of a heat wave guide for cities.

Attendance at the conference was approved with the following objectives:

- Profile Cape Town's work in adapting to climate change, specifically heat
- Learn what other cities are doing to adapt to climate change with regards to health impacts
- Connect with other professionals in the field with the potential for exploring new partnerships or ongoing sharing and learning arrangements in the future.
- Further development of the City of Cape Town's relationship with the International Red Cross and the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre

5. OUTCOMES

- ☐ - Partnership Agreement
- ☐ - Membership Agreement
- ☐ - Grants Agreement

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- ☐ - Memorandum of Understanding
☐ - Statement of Intent
☒ - Other

Outcomes of attendance included:

- Ms Davison profiled Cape Town's work to address heat related impacts of climate change, which was well received by the audience of health professionals, Red Cross society members, and representatives of various governments and government agencies.
- Ms Davison gained knowledge and understanding of what other governments are doing to address the health related impacts of climate change
- Ms Davison connected with professionals in the field of health and climate change, including those from the World Health Organisation, the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre, UN Environment, and the UK and French health departments. Ms Davison will be following up with these contacts over the next several months to follow up on potential opportunities for shared learning.
- Ms Davison made further contacts with the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre, including meeting and speaking with the director of the Centre. This relationship has significant potential for growth and development in the future, and attendance at this conference helped towards this goal.

6. ACTIONS REQUIRED

No specific actions are required as result of this event. However, Ms. Davison will be following up with various international contacts over the next several months to follow up on potential opportunities for shared learning and further developing existing relationships.

7. IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Constitutional and Policy Implications	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
7.2 Environmental implications	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7.3 Financial Implications	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
7.4 Legal Implications	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
7.5 Staff Implications	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
7.6 Risk Implications	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Attendance at this conference has positively contributed to the City's ability to manage its environmental risk as it relates to climate change

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8. RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommended that:

- a) the feedback report on the trip to attend the Red Cross World Conference and Health and Climate Change in Cannes, France, undertaken by Amy Davison from 15 – 16 April be noted.
- b) the feedback report be referred to the Spatial Planning and Environment Portfolio Committee for noting

AANBEVELINGS

Aanbeveel dat:

- a) daar kennis geneem word van die terugvoeringsverslag oor Amy Davison se reis om die Rooi Kruis se internasionale konferensie oor gesondheid en klimaatsverandering van 15 tot 16 April 2019 in Cannes, Frankryk by te woon.
- b) die terugvoeringsverslag ter kennisname na die portefeuljekomitee oor ruimtelike beplanning en die omgewing verwys word.

IZINDULULO

Kundululwe ukuba:

- a) makuqwalaselwe ingxelo emalunga nohambo oluthatyathwe ngu-Amy Davison lokuzimasa iNkomfa yeHlabathi ye-Red Cross nebijoliswe kwezeMpilo noGuquguquko lweMozulu ukususela ngowe-15 ukuya kowe-16 kwekaTshazimpuzi.
- b) Ingxelo mayigqithiselwe kwiKomiti yeSebe loCwangciso lweMihlaba engamaMabala nokuSingqongileyo ukuze iyiqwalasele.

9. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Please refer to sections 4 and 5 above for discussion of the objectives and outcomes of attendance of the Red Cross World Conference on Health and Climate Change.

In addition, some further information about the conference is provided below.

Subtitled "Taking Care of Humanity at +2°C", the Red Cross World Conference on Health and Climate Change branded itself as the "first humanitarian COP". This was in response to the UNFCCC COP 24 held in Katowice, Poland in 2018, and the landmark IPCC special report on 1.5 degrees of global warming, also released during 2018. Recent IPCC reports and UNFCCC COPs have highlighted the impact that climate change is having and will continue to have in the future on the most vulnerable populations, especially in terms of human health impacts. Although climate change is often thought of as an environmental problem, this conference aimed to highlight the human impact of living in a world of +1.5 or +2°C of warming, and bring together governments, citizens, and the NGO/volunteer sector to discuss

their role in the prevention, preparedness, adaptation and response to climate impacts.

The conference covered a range of topics, including the following:

- Reducing the health risks of disasters
- Adapting to heat waves in urban areas
- Preventing epidemics: a community and public health oriented approach
- Meeting mental health and psychosocial support needs
- Facing the health challenges associated with climate-related migration
- Preventing health needs related to the combined effects of conflict and climate change
- Fighting against food insecurity and malnutrition
- Protecting ecosystems to promote health
- Financing and governing climate-health initiatives more effectively

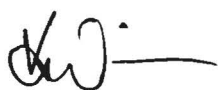
In his closing speech, Professor Jean-Jacques Eledjam, President of the French Red Cross, noted several key issues that were highlighted at the conference that need to be taken forward by all entities involved in climate adaptation:

1. Increased implementation of climate adaption actions with a focus on health outcomes, improved forward planning, and improved early warning systems
2. Increased allocation of funding to climate adaptation and improved access to funding at an international level
3. Reinforcing social bonds and social cohesion, emphasizing equity and justice, through the mobilization of local communities with a particular focus on the youth
4. Promoting the right to live in a healthy environment and protection from climate change as fundamental human rights

10. ANNEXURES

FOR FURTHER DETAILS, CONTACT:

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MR. OSMAN ASMAL

COMMENT:

NAME

DATE 10/6/2019.



MANAGER: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

DR. DENVER VAN SCHALKWYK

COMMENT:

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DATE 13/06/2019

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LEGAL COMPLIANCE

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

☐ NON-COMPLIANT

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Certified as legally compliant: JMH
Based on the contents of the report.



CITY MANAGER

☒ SUPPORTED FOR ONWARD SUBMISSION TO:

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RELEVANT SECTION 79 OR 80 COMMITTEE ☒

☐ NOT SUPPORTED

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