

**REPORT TO: CITY MANAGER**

**TO BE REFERRED BY THE OFFICIAL TO MAYCO VIA THE SPATIAL PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT SECTION 79 COMMITTEE [AFTER CONSIDERATION BY CITY MANAGER]**

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**1. ITEM NUMBER**

**2. SUBJECT:**

**FEEDBACK ON THE INTERNATIONAL/OUTSIDE THE BORDERS OF THE RSA TRIP UNDERTAKEN FROM 13 TO 15 DECEMBER 2023 TO ATTEND THE UNEP/ICLEI GENERATION RESTORATION IN-PERSON CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP IN PARIS, FRANCE.**

**ONDERWERP:**

**TERUGVOERING OOR DIE INTERNASIONALE REIS/BUITE DIE GRENSE VAN DIE RSA WAT VAN 13 TOT 15 DESEMBER 2023 ONDERNEEM IS OM DIE "UNEP/ICLEI GENERATION RESTORATION IN-PERSON CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP" IN PARYS, FRANKRYK BY TE WOON**

**ISIHLOKO:**

**INGXELO            ENGASEMVA            KOHAMBO            KUMAZWE  
APHESHEYA/ANGAPHANDLE    KWEMIDA    YASEMZANTSI    AFRIKA  
EQHUTYWE UKUSUSELA KOWE13 UKUYA KOWE15 KWEYOMNGA 2023  
UKUZIMASA    INTLANGANISO    ENGOKUFUNDISANA/IWEKSHOPHU  
ENGOKUXHOTYISWA    KUHLAZIYO    LWEZOKUSINGQONGILEYO    EYI-  
UNEP/ICLEI, ESEPARIS, E FRANCE**

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### 3. EVENT SUMMARY

EVENT DETAILS	
CONFERENCE/SEMINAR	UNEP / ICLEI GENERATION RESTORATION IN-PERSON CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP
OTHER	The City was invited to give a presentation and share its expertise with Pilot Cities and participate in this global cities workshop.
DATE	Wednesday 13 to Friday 15 December 2023
VENUE	1 Rue Miollis, UNESCO Annex, Building VII, 75015 Paris, France
TOTAL COST TO THE CITY	R132 507,02
CITY	PARIS
COUNTRY	FRANCE

  

ATTENDEE DETAILS	
NAME AND SURNAME	DESIGNATION
Dr Charmaine Oxtoby	Biophysical Specialist
Mr Bongani Mnisi	Manager: Environmental Planning & Sustainability

  

PROVIDE SUMMARY OF HOST ORGANISATION / CITY
<p>In early 2023, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), launched a project called “Generation Restoration: Catalysing a nature-based transformation in finance, jobs and cities”, (2023-2025) with the objective to implement a package of measures to address targeted political, technical, and financial challenges to promote ecosystem restoration in urban areas, in the framework of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration and Global Biodiversity Framework (especially Target 12). Cities, as hubs for human activity, wield significant influence over ecosystems. By extension, empowering cities to take action is critical to harness the power of urban ecosystem restoration.</p> <p>The City was invited in May 2023 by UNEP in partnership with ICLEI: Local Governments for Sustainability. Specifically, ICLEI approached the City as one of its member cities and host to its Africa office, to lodge a submission to become a Role Model City for Urban Ecosystem Restoration.</p> <p>A submission was made in July 2023, together with a letter of support from Alderman Andrews on behalf of the City for the City to take on a Role Model City role. After a formal adjudication process, UNEP and ICLEI notified the City on 19 September 2023 that our submission was successful. This led to the City being invited to share its expertise with Pilot Cities and participate in this global cities capacity building workshop.</p>

## 4. OBJECTIVE

The UNEP / ICLEI team invited two technical specialists to represent each city at the in-person workshop. Two officials, Mr Bongani Mnisi (Manager: Environmental Planning & Sustainability) and Dr Charmaine Oxtoby (Biophysical Specialist) from the Environmental Management Department represented the City and presented on the City's Functional Ecological Connectivity and Biodiversity Management Restoration projects.

The objective of the workshop was to foster collaboration and knowledge exchange by bringing together representatives from Pilot and Role Model Cities, donors and global experts. The workshop specifically covered the following:

- Connecting and learning from the expertise and experience across all Generation Restoration cities;
- Gaining concrete ideas of how to implement and scale up urban ecosystem restoration projects;
- Engaging with UNEP and ICLEI experts and exploring further opportunities for collaboration and engagement as part of the Generation Restoration project, and beyond;
- Identifying opportunities for collaboration across cities and regions, with donors and experts; and,
- Establishing a global network of like-minded practitioners to lay the grounds for close collaboration until December 2025.

The direct interaction with and learning from other global cities will enhanced Cape Town's urban ecosystem restoration projects. The officials interacted with donor organisations, which opened opportunities for linkages to be formed regarding potential funding assistance for City of Cape Town's projects outside of this initiative.

## 5. OUTCOMES

While there are no binding outcomes for the City stemming from the workshop, it should be noted that all Role Model and Pilot Cities are expected to reconvene in March 2025. Before then, there will be various online exchange programmes planned and facilitated by UNEP and ICLEI that will ensure continuous learning from each other.

## 6. ACTIONS REQUIRED

No actions required, however, cities have been encouraged to keep sharing information and promote knowledge exchanges. Dates for the next in-person workshop and online exchanges will also be shared in the next couple of months.

## 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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**The City has a contract in place with XL Embassy Travel 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 trip to attend the UNEP / ICLEI Generation Restoration In-Person Capacity Building Workshop, in Paris, France undertaken by Mr Bongani Mnisi and Dr Charmaine Oxtoby from 13 to 15 December 2023, **be considered and noted.**

**AANBEVELINGS:**

Daar word aanbeveel dat die terugvoerverslag oor die reis om die UNEP/ICLEI Generation Restoration In-Person Capacity Building Workshop, in Parys, Frankryk van 13 tot 15 Desember 2023 by te woon, onderneem deur mnr. Bongani Mnisi en dr. Charmaine Oxtoby, **oorweeg word en daarvan kennis geneem word.**

**IZINDULULO:**

Kundululwe ukuba:

a) **Makuthathelwe ingqalelo kwaye kuqwalaselwe** ingxelo engasemva kohambo elalingokuzimasa iWekshophu engokuXhotyisiwa kuHlaziyo lezokuSingqongileyo yeUNEP / ICLEI, eseParis, eFrance, olwaqhutywa nguMnu Bongani Mnisi noGqr Charmaine Oxtoby ukususela ngowe13 ukuya kowe15 kweyoMnga 2023.

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## 9. GENERAL DISCUSSION

The recent in-person workshop allowed for City officials to engage at the highest level within UNEP / ICLEI. Officials also attended a special presentation by global environmental funding institutions which include the following:

- City Gap Fund [www.citygapfund.org](http://www.citygapfund.org) (For FAQ section: <https://www.citygapfund.org/frequently-asked-questions>)
- European Investment Bank (EIB): GAP Fund Secretariat: [gapfundtechnicalsecretariat@eib.org](mailto:gapfundtechnicalsecretariat@eib.org)
- World Bank (WB): GAP Fund Secretariat: [GapFund@worldbank.org](mailto:GapFund@worldbank.org)
- GIZ: [vanessa.bauer@giz.de](mailto:vanessa.bauer@giz.de); [marie-sophie.schwarz@giz.de](mailto:marie-sophie.schwarz@giz.de); [clemens.heukrodt@giz.de](mailto:clemens.heukrodt@giz.de)
- Nature For Water Facility <https://nature4water.org/>? They are a Technical Assistance Facility managed by The Nature Conservancy and Pegasys.

Both officials learned that Cities are experiencing similar challenges and that platforms such as these allow for sharing of methods and ideas on how to implement projects differently.

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## 10. ANNEXURES

### Annexure A: Approved travel report

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ROBERT MCGAFFIN

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NAME

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DR. DENVER VAN SCHALKWYK

SIGNATURE:

DATE

COMMENT:

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

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**LEGAL COMPLIANCE**

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COMMENT: