



REPORT TO: CITY MANAGER

**TO BE REFERRED BY THE OFFICIAL TO MAYCO VIA THE WATER AND SANITATION
SECTION 79 COMMITTEE [AFTER CONSIDERATION BY CITY MANAGER]**

1. ITEM NUMBER

2. SUBJECT

**FEEDBACK ON THE INTERNATIONAL TRIP UNDERTAKEN BY ED:
WATER AND SANITATION FROM 08 TO 10 MAY 2023 TO ATTEND THE
GLOBAL WATER SUMMIT AND PRESENT CITY OF CAPE TOWN'S CASE
FOR JOINING LEADING UTILITIES OF THE WORLD**

In terms of Council's Language Policy, the heading and recommendation is to be submitted in all three languages.

Please submit subject heading and recommendations (not entire report) to Translation@capetown.gov.za.

3. EVENT SUMMARY

EVENT DETAILS	
CONFERENCE/SEMINAR	Global Water Summit, Berlin, German
OTHER	Purpose of Trip: To attend the Global Water Summit (a gathering of 800 global water professionals) and present the case for the City of Cape Town to join the Leading Utilities of the World network.
DATE	08-10 May – 3 days
VENUE	Inter Continental Berlin Hotel
TOTAL COST TO THE CITY	R35 882.94
CITY	Berlin
COUNTRY	GERMANY

ATTENDEE DETAILS	
NAME AND SURNAME	DESIGNATION
Michael Webster	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: WATER & SANITATION
PROVIDE SUMMARY OF HOST ORGANISATION / CITY	
<p>The Global Water Summit is the flagship water sector event of the year, renowned for its industry-leading agenda and the high concentration of water sector executives that attend each year. It is an unmatched networking and strategy development opportunity for water utility leaders.</p> <p>The Global Water Summit 2023 is also the annual occasion for the members of the Leading Utilities of the World (www.leadingutilities.org) to meet.</p>	

4. OBJECTIVE

The Leading Utilities of the World (LUOW) is a global network of the world's most successful and innovative water and wastewater utilities. Membership is the gold standard of utility performance. Acceptance of new members is based on a rigorous, merit-based selection process. To be accepted into LUOW, members need to demonstrate: (a) outstanding achievement and innovation in at least three aspects of utility management; and (b) an ambition to continue to drive performance in the years to come. Utility management innovation are based on a range of categories from efficiency to performance metrics. More on membership can be found at: www.leadingutilities.org.

The City of Cape Town applied for membership of LUOW three years ago and has followed a rigorous selection process. This required submission of an application that highlights specific areas of world-class performance. We also engaged member utilities with specific expertise on challenges most relevant to Cape Town to learn best practice and assist the city to formulate appropriate strategies. These included PUB, Singapore (sewer network management), DCWASA, Washington DC (financial sustainability), Orange County, California (wastewater reuse), Perth (desalination), Sydney (water sensitive city), Auckland (customer care), Paris (using Paris' Olympic bid to clean up the Seine River to swimming) and Medellin, Colombia (upgrading informal settlements). Each provided rich lessons for Cape Town in implementing our Water Strategy and becoming a world-class water utility.

The objective of the visit was to present Cape Town's application to the LUOW members and join the network.

5. OUTCOMES

The ED: Water and Sanitation made the presentation to the LUOW members and the City of Cape Town was accepted into the network of Leading Utilities. The presentation was well received by all members and is attached.

Currently, LUOW has 66 members. Cape Town is the first city in Africa to join this prestigious network, and the first in the Developing World.

The City of Cape Town's application was based on three areas of world class performance: drought management, network management and financial management. The presentation also showed the city's strategy to build water resilience – coming out of the 2014-2018 drought – as well as drive a programme of inclusion and sustainability.

The ED also made a presentation on key investment potential in Water and Sanitation in Cape Town over the next 10 years. These include a range of projects in wastewater treatment upgrades, the new water programme, as well as the pipe replacement programmes in reticulation.

The ED also held discussions with Hamburgwasser (the utility company of the City of Hamburg, Germany) who are very interested in twinning with Cape Town water and sanitation and providing technical support in the implementation of the Water Strategy. This support is likely to come from grant funding from the German government.

Attendance at the Global Water Summit and participation in many meetings, roundtables and one-on-one interactions also provided an opportunity for Cape Town to participate at an international event and be regarded as a peer of cities and water and wastewater utilities with larger resource base. This expands the network of cities we can learn from a further positions Cape Town as a world class water service provider.

6. ACTIONS REQUIRED

Membership of LUOW is a five year term. After five years, the city will need to demonstrate continued excellence in performance and innovation in order to renew our membership. The Water and Sanitation Management Team is well aware of this challenge and has embarked on a programme to ensure on performance is maintained to retain membership of this network. Membership comes with no financial obligations.

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 type="checkbox"/>
7.3 Financial Implications	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
7.4 Legal Implications	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
7.5 Staff Implications	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>

7.6 Risk Implications

No X ☐

Yes ☐

7.7 POPIA Compliance

- ☒ It is confirmed that this report has been checked and considered for POPIA Compliance.

NOTE: POPIA Section MUST be completed otherwise the report will be returned to the author for revision.

Contact your Directorate POPIA Stewards should you require assistance.

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 Global Water Summit, Berlin, German undertaken by Mr Michael Webster on 08-10 May 2023 **be considered and noted.**

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- FOR OFFICIALS TRAVELLING OVERSEAS FOR COUNCIL RELATED ACTIVITIES, A REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE CITY MANAGER FOR CONSIDERATION, AND FOR CONSIDERATION OF REFERRAL TO MAYCO VIA THE RELEVANT SECTION 79 PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE.

9. GENERAL DISCUSSION

10. ANNEXURES Presentation made to LUOW

FOR FURTHER DETAILS, CONTACT:

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DIRECTORATE	Water and Sanitation	FILE REF No	
SIGNATURE :			

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MICHAEL JOHN WEBSTER

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

COMMENT:

SIGNATURE:

NAME

DATE

MANAGER: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

DR. DENVER VAN SCHALKWYK

SIGNATURE:

DATE

COMMENT:

Actions noted

☐ 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 _____

Certified as legally compliant based on the contents of the report.

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DATE _____

CITY MANAGER

☒ NOTED

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

DATE _____

COMMENT:

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THE CITY MANAGER WILL RECOMMEND THAT THE REPORT IS REFERRED TO MAYCO VIA THE RELEVANT SECTION 79 PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE BY THE OFFICIAL. IN SUCH INSTANCES, THE CITY MANAGER'S SIGNED REPORT SHOULD BE ATTACHED AS AN ANNEXURE TO THE REPORT TO THE SECTION 79 PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE AND MAYCO.