

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 30 JUNE 2024 TO 6 JULY 2024 TO
ATTEND THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL MAYORS FORUM 2024, HELD IN
INDONESIA

ONDERWERP

TERUGVOERING OOR DIE INTERNASIONALE REIS (BUITE DIE GRENSE
VAN DIE RSA) VAN 30 JUNIE 2024 TOT 6 JULIE 2024 VIR DIE
BYWONING VAN DIE INTERNASIONALE BURGEMEESTERSFORUM 2024
GEHOU IN INDONESIë

ISIHLOKO:

INGXELO ENGOHAMBO OLUYA PHEPSHEYA/ NGAPHAYA KWEEBHODA
ZOMZANTSI AFRIKA OLUTHATYATHWE UKUSUSELA NGOWAMA30
KWEYESILIMELA 2024 [6 EYEKHALA 2024] LOKUZIMASA IFORAM
YESIZWE YOOSODOLOPHU KOWAMA2024, EBANJELWE E-INDONESIA

[R0286]

3. EVENT SUMMARY

EVENT DETAILS	
CONFERENCE/SEMINAR	2024 International Mayors Forum
OTHER	<p>The Research Branch in Policy and Strategy Department, City of Cape Town was invited to attend the 2024 International Mayor's Forum, after having being on the programme for the 2023 International Mayor's Forum, where Natasha Primo presented the City of Cape Town's 2021 Voluntary Local Review. Natasha Primo was nominated by the Mayor's Office to attend the conference in an official capacity, representing the City of Cape Town.</p> <p>The conference gathered together Mayors, municipal officials as well technical experts (including from academia, international NGOs, and UN agencies) for 3 days of engagements on the Sustainable Development Goals most relevant to the overall mandates of municipal service delivery. The main objectives of the forum is to provide a platform for policy dialogue and knowledge sharing through presentation, and bring together local and regional governments and communities to share experiences, lessons learned and good practices, particularly with regard to the implementation of the sustainable development goals (SDGs).</p> <p>The focus at the 2024 International Mayor's Forum was on the Six Key Transitions: Investment Pathways to Achieve the SDGs that can have catalytic and multiplier effects across the SDGs to ensure transformative and accelerated progress. Accelerated SDG localization through these six key transitions is of special importance, especially in developing countries where rapid urbanization rates are expected most between now and 2050.</p>
DATE	2 July to 4 July 2024 (three days duration)
VENUE	Grand Hyatt Hotel, Central Jakarta
TOTAL COST TO THE CITY	R276.50 (for travel insurance)
CITY	Jakarta
COUNTRY	INDONESIA

ATTENDEE DETAILS	
NAME AND SURNAME	DESIGNATION
Natasha Primo	HEAD: ORGANISATIONAL RESEARCH
	RESEARCH BRANCH
	POLICY AND STRATEGY DEPARTMENT
PROVIDE SUMMARY OF HOST ORGANISATION / CITY	
<p>The United Nations Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD) supports the UN Member States in planning and implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and achieving the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through knowledge sharing, capacity development, policy advisory, research, and partnerships with a particular focus on Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Small Island Developing States (SIDS), and Landlocked Developing States (LLDCs).</p> <p>UNOSD was established in 2011 by the United Nations and the Government of the Republic of Korea. UNOSD is supported by the Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Korea, Incheon Metropolitan City, and Yonsei University.</p> <p>UNOSD is part of the Division for Sustainable Development Goals (DSDG) of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA), which is head-quartered in New York City.</p>	

4. OBJECTIVE

The City (via the Research Branch in Policy and Strategy) has been a regular participant in international and national engagements on SDG localisation. It has on numerous occasions - both online and in person - shared the CCT approach to and lessons learnt in preparing and implementing the City of Cape Town SDG localisation approach broadly and specifically on preparation of the City of Cape Town Voluntary Local Review (2021). The City prepared its 2024 Voluntary Local Review, predominantly pursuing an update of the VLR 2021 indicator data.

The Research Branch is keen to learn from other cities – and through its engagement with the transversal CCT SDG Technical Task Team (TTT) - share that into line departments. The SDG TTT is keen to learn of ways to further embed the SDGs in the City – and deepen the SDG alignment into City's strategic plan and priorities – as captured in the IDP 2022 to 2027.

5. OUTCOMES

The 2024 IMF conference adopted the Jakarta Declaration, available at https://unosd.un.org/sites/unosd.un.org/files/declaration_2024_international_mayors_forum_final_version.pdf

The declaration entreats cities and mayors to drive the following actions:

- **Build Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships:** Engage with all sectors of society, including the private sector, non-governmental and community-based organizations, academia, scientific and research organizations and international bodies to harness collective expertise and resources.
- **Data-Driven Governance:** Establish robust data, indicator and information systems to track progress on implementation of various measures, including

supporting Voluntary Local Reviews (VLRs) to showcase advancements and challenges in localising the SDGs to enhance evidence-based decision-making.

• **Address Gaps:** Bridge capacity gaps between rural, urban, local and national levels in various aspects including closing the gender gap by enhancing collaboration, resource sharing, and optimization. This includes streamlining training and institutional capacity building programs, sharing innovative practices, and improving digital connectivity and platforms (including artificial intelligence) for efficient knowledge exchange and coordination across all levels of governance to ensure equitable and integrated development.

6. ACTIONS REQUIRED

No formal follow up actions are required.

For the internal CCT engagement, the Research Branch will:

1. Share the conference documents and presentations with the SDG Technical Task Team – available at https://unosd.un.org/2024_IMF
2. Share with the wider Policy & Strategy Department and the SDG Technical Task Team two tools developed by the Stockholm Environment Institute for the World Bank , namely:
 - SDG Synergies: Method and tool for SDG interactions reporting - available at <https://www.sdgsynergies.org/> . The tool was applied in the Amazon Region to explore how the SDGs connect at the biome level. The tool is built on systems thinking and designed to find the synergies between SDGs. In the Amazon biome it was used to find “triple wins” linked to mitigating the “triple planetary crisis - climate change impacts, pollution, and biodiversity loss on land and in water.
 - SAPIENT – Sustainability Mapper for Planning and Investment - <https://github.com/SEI-LA-SDGs/SAPIENT> . This is an AI driven project and policy analysis tool for SDG alignment that is built on using key/strategic (City) documents to explore and understand how/where the City contributes to the SDGs – and includes a trade-offs analysis.
3. In collaboration with the SDG TTT, the Research Branch will consider/test the potential of the SDG Synergies tool for creating wider awareness and understanding of the SDGs within line departments – and for a cross-functional analysis of whether and how the City’s programmes realise SDG alignment, build synergies and/or what trade-offs may arise, and how the City may contribute to SDG achievement in Cape Town.

7. IMPLICATIONS

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| 7.1 | Constitutional and Policy Implications | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7.2 | Environmental implications | No <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> |

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 the *2024 International Mayors Forum* undertaken by Natasha Primo on *30 June to 6 July 2024* **be considered and noted.**

AANBEVELING

Daar word aanbeveel dat die terugvoeringsverslag oor Natasha Primo se reis vir die internasionale burgemeestersforum 2024 van 30 Junie tot 6 Julie 2024 oorweeg word, en dat daarvan kennis geneem word.

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Kundululwe ukuba makuthathelwe ingqalelo kwaye kuqwalaselwe ingxelo engohambo oluya kwiForam yeSizwe yooSodolophu oluthatyathwe nguNatasha Primo ngowama30 kweyeSilimela ukuya kowe6 kweyeKhala 2024.

9. GENERAL DISCUSSION

As the global community is now into the 4th year of the SDG implementation decade, it has become more critical to explore and innovate ways for advancing SDG progress and – hopefully - achievement. As noted in the global Sustainable Development Goals Report 2024¹ – 90% of SDGs are linked to infrastructure projects, while only 17% of SDG targets are on track.

The focus of the 2024 IMF in Jakarta, Indonesia was on the *Six Key Transitions: Investment Pathways to Achieve the SDGs* that can have catalytic and multiplier

¹ The Report was released on 28 June 2024, and is available at <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2024/>

effects across the SDGs. Below are select key messages of potential relevance to the City (See Annexure 10.2 for more):

Session 2 (Day 1) focused on investment pathways to achieve the SDGs at local and regional levels. The Mayor of Tanga City in Tanzania shared the example of how they floated a green bond in local currency on the Dar es Salaam stock exchange to support infrastructural development – for which shares were purchased by local residents as well as local and international business. Indonesian officials shared their example of floating three bonds – a Green Bond, an SDG bond, and a Blue Bond, while Islamic Finance is used to support local level priorities. Speakers stressed the importance of an ecosystems approach to financing SDG implementation, noting that while public finance may not be adequate it is important for leveraging other sources. Five different sources of finance were identified – public-private partnerships, transfers from national government, cities’ revenue-generation capacity, the potential to raise bonds, and guarantee schemes. A “Sustainable City Guarantee Facility” is currently under development by the European Union.

The conference further presented useful examples of tools for SDG analysis, and for monitoring and evaluation. In Session 4 (Day 1), a Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) presenter shared tools developed by SEI for the World Bank – and that are freely available to local governments to investigate synergies and trade-offs in the SDG implementation.

In Session 6 (Day 2) the focus was on the use to tools to enhance evidence-based policy-making, as well as the importance of data for connecting measurement, monitoring and evaluation. Two Japanese examples – Gamagori City and Toyota City - supported by the UN Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) illustrated their use of SDG indicators for monitoring and evaluation purposes. The UNCRD itself shared its workflow for measuring local cities’ levels of SDG achievement (see <https://uncrd.un.org/content/irdp-sdg-monitoring>).

Session 5 (Day 2), stressed the interdependence and coordination linked to sharing data, capabilities, resources and tools for multilevel governance. Country examples shared to illustrate this point was that of the Maldives islands that face the immediate threat of sea-level rise (and their strategy to aggregate people on the larger islands), Ecuador and Indonesia.

Day 3 was focused on a discussion and adoption of the Jakarta Declaration of the 2024 International Mayors Forum.

10. ANNEXURES

10.1 [Jakarta Declaration, 2024 International Mayors Forum](#)

10.2 [Key Messages](#)

10.3 [Concept Note and Agenda](#)

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DATE

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DR. DENVER VAN SCHALKWYK

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☐ NON-COMPLIANT

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