



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

1. ITEM NUMBER: MC 39/06/22

2. SUBJECT

FEEDBACK ON THE INTERNATIONAL/OUTSIDE THE BORDERS OF THE RSA TRIP UNDERTAKEN FROM 10 TO 12 MAY 2022 TO ATTEND THE STRONG CITIES NETWORK WORKSHOP ON ELEVATING THE ROLES OF CITIES IN PREVENTING EXTREMISM AND HATE: MAPPING CITY NEEDS AND PRIORITIES IN NAIROBI, KENYA.THEREAFTER ALD JP SMITH WILL VISIT THE POLICING/LAW ENTITIES IN NAIROBI (13 -14 MAY 2022)

MAGTIGING VIR RDH. JP SMITH SE BYWONING VAN DIE NETWERK VAN STERK STEDE ("STRONG CITIES NETWORK") SE WERKSWINKEL OOR DIE GROTER ROLLE WAT STEDE IN DIE VOORKOMING VAN EKSTREMISME EN HAAT KAN SPEEL ("WORKSHOP ON ELEVATING THE ROLES OF CITIES IN PREVENTING EXTREMISM AND HATE"): KARTERING VAN STADSBEHOEFTE EN -PRIORITEITE IN NAIROBI, KENIA VAN 10 TOT 12 MEI 2022, WAARNA HY DIE ENTITEITE VIR POLISIËRING EN WETSTOEPASSING IN NAIROBI SAL BYWOON (13 – 14 MEI 2022)

UKUGUNYAZISWA KUKACEBAKHULU UJP SMITH UKUBA AZIMASE IWEKSHOP ENGOHUNGELWANO LWEZIXEKO EZILUQILIMA EKUKHUTAHZENI IINDIMA ZEZXEKO EKUTHINTELENI UXHATHISO KUTSHINTSHO NENTIYO: UKUYILWA LWEEMFUNO ZESIXEKO NEMIBANDELA EPHAMBILI ENAIROBI, EKENYA UKUSUSELA NGOWE10-12 KUCANZIBE 2022, EMVA KOKO UCEBAKHULU U-JP SMITH UYAKUTHI ANDWENDWELE KAKHONA ENAIROBI UKUSUSELA NGOWE13 UKUYA NGOWE14 KUCANZIBE 2022

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3. EVENT SUMMARY

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EVENT DETAILS	
CONFERENCE/SEMINAR	<i>Strong cities network workshop on elevating the roles of cities in preventing extremism and hate: mapping city needs and priorities in Nairobi, Kenya</i>
OTHER	<i>The conference was important for building international relationships with stakeholders who are doing work to reduce and prevent extremism and hate in Cities. Participants will engage on various subjects after which a report will be produced and presented to the UN General Assembly in New York in September 2022. The opportunities to explore the policing precincts provides a platform of best practise from which Cape Town can learn and review its own policing practise.</i>
DATE	10-12 May 2022 and Policing visits from 13-14 May
VENUE	Sankara Hotel
TOTAL COST TO THE CITY	R 24 404.35
CITY	Nairobi
COUNTRY	KENYA

ATTENDEE DETAILS	
NAME AND SURNAME	DESIGNATION
Jean-Pierre Smith	MAYCO MEMBER FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY

PROVIDE SUMMARY OF HOST ORGANISATION / CITY
<p>The workshop included representatives from City, County and National Governments from Eastern and Southern Africa. Participants will engage on various subjects after which a report will be produced and presented to the UN General Assembly in New York in September 2022. The SCN Management Unit is committed to ensuring that project's findings and recommendations are informed by the perspectives of as diverse a group of local and national and government and non-governmental stakeholders across Africa. Project activities included region- and country-focused webinars, questionnaires, interviews, desk research and two, in-person workshops. The first of these in-person workshops took place in Nairobi from the 10 – 12 May 2022, in cooperation with the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI).</p>

4. OBJECTIVE

I attended the Strong Cities Network workshop as it provided an opportunity to discuss and exchange views on a number of topics, namely:

The perspectives of cities and other local stakeholders in the two regions on the threats of extremist- and hate-motivated violence and polarisation;

Strengths and limitations of the existing P/CVE landscape in East and Southern Africa;

The efficacy of the different local policies, frameworks, action plans and infrastructure currently in place for addressing the threats;

The role that cities in the regions can and should play in addressing these threats and the challenges to more city involvement;

The role of national governments, international, regional and sub-regional bodies and existing city networks in catalysing more city involvement;

The implementation of the Global Counterterrorism Forum's good practices on strengthening national-local cooperation on P/CVE in the regions, with the discussion informed by the initial findings and recommendations of an NLC-focused mapping report which was be presented at the workshop;

Identifying and overcoming the barriers to enhanced NLC for P/CVE in the regions;

What are the ingredients for a "Strong City" in these regions?

The needs and priorities of cities in these regions in order for them to better leverage their comparative advantages in P/CVE and addressing hate and polarisation.

5. OUTCOMES

From 10 to 12 May 2022, the Strong Cities Network (SCN) convened over 65 mayors and other local leaders, civil society representatives and senior officials from national governments and multilateral bodies in East and Southern Africa for an exchange of views on how best to support city and other local authority-led efforts for preventing extremist- and hate-motivated violence and polarisation. The multi-stakeholder gathering included officials and experts from Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania and Uganda, as well as the African Union, IGAD, UNOCT, UNDP, UN Habitat, UNOPS, other city networks including the East Africa Local Government Association and the Global Parliament of Mayors, and the British, Danish, Dutch and US embassies in Nairobi. The EU-funded workshop is part of a larger [EU-supported initiative to map city-level prevention-related needs and priorities across Africa](#).

Workshop participants exchanged perspectives on the current increasingly integrated threat landscape of hate and extremism in the region; the comparative advantages of cities and other local authorities in prevention and policies and infrastructure needed to leverage them; the main challenges cities face in the specific context of East and Southern Africa, and how international, regional and sub-regional bodies and networks can support cities with overcoming these challenges. Key barriers identified by participants included a lack of national-local cooperation (NLC) and an overly-securitised and centralised approach to addressing the identified threats, often leaving local authorities with limited space for and understanding of how to contribute. Participants also discussed the main characteristics of a “strong city” in East and Southern Africa, with good local governance, strong civil society and a clear role for local authorities identified as key. Participants also proposed a role for the SCN as a convenor of local authorities on a country-by-country basis in the region, facilitating NLC and helping cities identify, communicate and get national buy-in for their vital role in prevention.

From Blantyre to Cabo Delgado, Cape Town to Dar es Salaam, Djibouti City to Kampala, Mombasa to Nebbi, and Tshwane to Mogadishu and Kismayo, the workshop benefitted from a range of diverse perspectives from local authorities on the threat landscape and the strengths and limitations of existing approaches to preventing and countering the threat. Participants expressed appreciation for the opportunity to have a “safe space” to candidly discuss the topic of prevention, and to learn from the diversity of experiences in the region.

6. ACTIONS REQUIRED

Key findings from this workshop, as well as a West Africa-focused workshop that will be held in Dakar, Senegal at the end of May 2022, will inform a comprehensive report the SCN will produce that outlines the needs of African cities to become leaders in prevention, recommendations for which will be presented during the high-level opening of the 77th UN General Assembly in New York on 22 September 2022.

Additionally, we have initiated email response with a number of stakeholders as listed below. We wish to consult with them on best practise for developing a preventative framework for terror related disasters. Following email correspondence, we have agreed to have a zoom meeting in June to discuss this further. We have also engaged City Disaster Risk Management officials so that we can apply learnings into a practical turnaround which will play a role in preventing and reducing terror related violence in Cape Town, such as the imminent Xenophobic attacks currently being experienced across the country.

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We have also initiated correspondence with the police in Nairobi in Kenya as well as the Kenyan National Counter-Terrorism Centre to establish the extent to which it is possible to develop capacity and skills within the emergency and enforcement resources of the City and potentially provincial and national counterparts to improve our ability to respond to incidents such as took place at the Westgate Mall shopping centre in Nairobi during

September 2013 and how to develop our preventative plan of action to allow the City to contribute as local government to prevent the risk posed by violent extremism and hate.

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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8. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

- a) the feedback report on the trip The Strong Cities Network workshop on elevating the roles of cities in preventing extremism and hate: mapping city needs and priorities in Nairobi, Kenya and visiting Nairobi police, undertaken by Ald. JP Smith on 10-14 May **be noted**.
- b) the report be referred to the Section 79 Safety and Security portfolio committee for noting and discussion relating to the development of the existing threat assessments and disaster contingency plans relating to social disorder and the threats of violent extremism, including that emanating from organised crime, extortion, xenophobia and gangsterism.

AANBEVELINGS

Daar word aanbeveel dat:

- a) Daar **kennis geneem word** van die reis vir bywoning van die "Strong Cities Network"-werkwinkel oor die groter rol wat stede in die voorkoming van ekstremisme en haat kan speel: kartering van Stadsbehoefte en –prioriteite in Nairobi, Kenia en 'n besoek aan die Nairobi-polisie onderneem deur rdh. JP Smith van 10-14 Mei 2022.
- b) Die verslag na die artikel 79-portefeuljekomitee oor veiligheid en sekuriteit verwys word vir kennisname en bespreking van die ontwikkeling van assesserings oor bestaande bedreigings en rampgebeurlikheidsplanne met betrekking tot maatskaplike wanorde en die bedreigings van gewelddadige ekstremisme, insluitende voortspruitend uit georganiseerde geweld, afpersing, xenofobie en bendebedrywighede.

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Kundululwe ukuba:

- a) Makuqwalaselwe ingxelo engohambo oluya kwiwekshophu engoThungelwano lweZixeko eziLuqilima ekukhuthazeni iindima zezixeko ekuthinteleni uxhathiso kutshintsho nentiyo: ukuyilwa lweemfuno zesixeko nemibandela ephambili eNairobi, Kenya kunye notyelelo lwamapolisa aseNairobi, oluthatyathwe nguCebakhulu . JP Smith ngowe10 ukuya kowe14 kuCanzibe 2022.
- b) ingxelo mayiphthunyelwe kwiKomiti yeSebe lezoKhuseleko noKhuseleko yecandelo 79 ukuze iqwalaselwe kwaye kuxoxwe malunga nokuphuculwa kwezicwangciso ezikhoyo lovavanyo lwezoyikiso kunye nentlekele ezibhekiselele kuphazamiseko lwentlalo kunye nezoyikiso zobundlobongela obugqithileyo, kubandakanywa nobo buphuma kulwaphulomthetho olucwangcisiweyo, ubuqhetseba, ukubukulwa kwabemi bamanye amazwe kunye nobugebenga.

9. GENERAL DISCUSSION

The following sessions took place;

Session 1: Threat Landscape – the perspective of cities and other local stakeholders
 Session 2: The Existing P/CVE Landscape in East and Southern Africa: strengths/limitations
 Session 3: Local Policies, Frameworks, Action Plans and Infrastructure for the Prevention of Hate, Polarisation and Extremist and other Forms of Violence
 Session 4: Why Cities? The Role of Cities in Addressing Hate, Polarisation and Extremist and other Forms of Violence
 Session 5: The Overlooked Role of Cities: Challenges to More City Involvement in Addressing Hate, Polarisation and Extremist and other Forms of Violence
 Session 6: A Facilitator or an Obstacle? The Role of National Governments in Catalysing More City Involvement in Addressing Hate, Polarisation and Extremist and other Forms of Violence

Session 7: The Role Of International, Regional and Sub-Regional Bodies and Existing City-Networks in Catalysing More Involvement of Cities in East and Southern Africa in Addressing Hate, Polarisation and Extremist and other Forms of Violence

Session 8: Implementing the GCTF Good Practices on Strengthening National-Local Cooperation in P/CVE: Mapping Strengths and Challenges with National-Local Cooperation (NLC) in East and Southern Africa

Session 9: Barriers to Enhanced NLC in Addressing Hate, Polarisation and Extremist and other Forms of Violence in East and Southern Africa

Session 9a: Overcoming the Barriers to Enhanced NLC in Addressing Hate, Polarisation and Extremist and other Forms of Violence in East and Southern Africa

Session 9b: Small Group Discussions – Blueprint for Strengthening NLC in East and Southern Africa

Session 11: Needs and Priorities of Cities in East and Southern Africa

Session 12: Small Group Discussions – What Makes a “Strong City” in East and Southern Africa?

Session 13: Presenting and Discussing the Blueprints for a “Strong City”

10. ANNEXURES

FOR FURTHER DETAILS, CONTACT:

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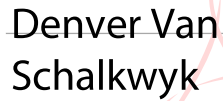
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