



REPORT TO: CITY MANAGER

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

1. ITEM NUMBER

2. SUBJECT

**FEEDBACK ON THE TRIP UNDERTAKEN FROM 19 TO 23 June 2023 TO
ATTEND THE AFRIFOODLINKS CONSORTIUM MEETING IN KISUMU,
KENYA**

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**INGXELO ENGOHAMBO OLUTHATYATHWE NGOWE19 UKUYA
KOWAMA23 KWEYESILIMELA 2023 LOKUZIMASA YEQUMRHU I-
AFRIFOODLINKS EKISUMU, EKENYA**

ONDERWERP

**TERUGVOERING OOR DIE REIS VANAF 19 TOT 23 JUNIE 2023 VIR DIE
BYWONING VAN DIE VERGADERING VAN DIE AFRIFOODLINKS-
KONSORTIUM IN KISUMU, KENIA**

3. EVENT SUMMARY

EVENT DETAILS	
CONFERENCE/SEMINAR	<i>AfriFOODLinks Consortium Meeting</i>
OTHER	<i>The City's Food Systems Team (Risk and Resilience Department) is a partner in the AfriFOODLinks Programme. The funding application was approved at the end of 2022 and this meeting was held to launch the programme and introduce the 26 partners to each other, towards the development of a programme.</i>
DATE	19 – 23 June 2023
VENUE	Royal Swiss Hotel
TOTAL COST TO THE CITY	R13 000.85
CITY	Kisumu
COUNTRY	KENYA

ATTENDEE DETAILS	
NAME AND SURNAME	DESIGNATION
Tamsin Faragher	PRINCIPAL RESILIENCE OFFICER
PROVIDE SUMMARY OF HOST ORGANISATION	
<i>ICLEI Africa are a trusted City partner and work closely with the Food Systems team, amongst others. They support cities to develop and implement sustainable programmes and co-ordinated a successful EU funding proposal – AfriFOODLinks. Although ICLEI Africa is regionally focused, they are an international organisation.</i>	

4. OBJECTIVE

AfriFOODLinks (<https://afrifoodlinks.org/>) is consistent with the Food Systems Programme and Implementation Programme and offers opportunities to improve our knowledge of food markets. It is therefore in the City's interests to engage and learn for input to ongoing strategic processes related to food systems and markets.

The purpose of the consortium meeting was to bring all the partners together to build cohesion across roleplayers; share knowledge; discuss future work programmes; improve understanding of overall package of work (6 workstreams).

As a partner City, we are receiving research and innovation support, in addition to funding for a market pilot. Through this work, we have the potential to improve our informal sector performance generally, but also as it connects

to nutritious food access. More broadly, we have the opportunity to learn from and share knowledge with our partner cities – Arusha, Lusaka and Lisbon.

See media release for further information <https://afrifoodlinks.org/african-cities-lead-the-way-into-a-new-era-of-food-system-collaboration/> also attached as Annexure B.

5. OUTCOMES

The City's leading role in food systems was reinforced and its profile across the continent thereby enhanced. Our partners were announced (Arusha, Lusaka and Lisbon) and it was possible to learn more about their cities' experiences, particularly around markets. Great clarity was provided regarding the scope of the programme, which up to now has been vast and unclear. Importantly, connections were made with partners and the route set for the three-year journey that we have embarked on.

6. ACTIONS REQUIRED

A briefing was held with Lance Greyling (Director of Enterprise and Investment) who is the City's other project lead and a meeting set up to align the project thinking with other City projects e.g. MURP and to narrow the research and project site focus.

ICLEI Manages external actions related to the Cape Town project and these will include arranging site visits to our partner cities, including the next consortium meeting. At this time, it appears that a consortium meeting will be held in Cape Town in 2025.

With regards City processes, although the trip was sponsored, the City bought the ticket with the understanding that the costs would be reimbursed to the City, by ICLEI. The reimbursement process is underway.

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 Traveler's personal information as required by the POPI Act.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) Trip Undertaken to attend the Afrifoodlinks Consortium Meeting in Kisumu, Kenya by Tamsin Faragher from 19 to 23 June 2023 to be considered and noted; and
- b) The report be referred to the Section 79 Future Planning and Resilience portfolio for noting.

IZINDULULO

- a) Kundululwe ukuba makuthathelwe ingqalelo kwaye kuqwalaselwe ingxelo engohambo lokuzimsa intlanganiso yequmrhu iAfrifoodlinks eKisumu, eKenya oluthatyathwe nguTamsin Faragher ukususela ngowe19 ukuya kowama23 kweyeSilimela 2023; kwakhona
- b) Ingxelo mayigqithiselwe kwiKomiti yeSebe yoCwangciso lweXesha elizayo nezoBuqilima ukuze iyiqwalasele.

AANBEVELINGS

- a) Daar word aanbeveel dat die terugvoeringsverslag oor die reis na die vergadering van die Afrifoodlinks-konsortium in Kisumu, Kenia deur Tamsin Faragher vanaf 19 tot 23 Junie 2023, oorweeg word en daar daarvan kennis geneem word; en
- b) Die verslag ter kennisname na die artikel 79-komitee oor toekomsbeplanning en veerkragtigheid verwys word.

9. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Urban food systems, including Cape Town's, need transformation. AfriFOODlinks unlocks this transition and will drive change in over 65 cities, including Cape Town. Bringing together more than 26 partners from across Africa and Europe, this four-year project is funded by the European Union and coordinated by ICLEI Africa.

It is groundbreaking in that it is one of the largest EU Horizon Grants to have been awarded to a consortium led by African Institutions. This African leadership of African research marks an important milestone in Africa's knowledge sovereignty and emphasises the importance of creating and strengthening linkages between actors in different regions.

Resourcing and capacity building of city officials and local governments is an essential aspect of transforming urban food systems. AfriFOODlinks will promote inclusive multi-actor governance, equipping public officials with the necessary tools to effectively shape their food systems.

The project aims to facilitate collaboration and co-learning among cities, recognising that there is no one-size-fits-all solution to address challenges faced by urban food systems. By sharing knowledge and developing contextually relevant solutions, AfriFOODlinks seeks to enhance the resilience of food systems and improve access to nourishing foods.

The Kisumu meeting saw City representative delegates commit to a bold plan of action that builds on Mayor Hill-Lewis's support. Six work packages span various foci such as business development support to small businesses and youth and knowledge building. Under this plan of action, cities and their partners will accelerate the growth of innovative, women- and youth-led agri-food businesses; and launch a youth ambassadors programme which will equip youth ambassadors from project cities to take action and connect them with city decision-makers and channels for making positive change in their cities.

Oribi Incubator will be working with ±businesses through an enterprise development process, with 3 receiving funding to scale. ICLEI Africa are in the process of appointing the youth ambassadors, further details of this work is however unclear at present. SA Food and Farming Trust are Cape Town's implementing agent and are responsible for developing a pilot that will improve Cape Town's food market offering, in addition to expanding their existing Food Dialogues programme across the continent. The African Centre for Cities are the knowledge partner. A junior research partner has been appointed for Cape Town and an embedded researcher will be appointed in due course. These resources will assist the City in filling knowledge gaps and supporting programme development.

The Consortium meeting focused primarily on facilitated activities to build the city teams, and partnerships, which required limited input from cities. Ms. Faragher was however on a city panel on Wednesday 21 June 2023 and conducted the morning devotion on Thursday 22 June 2023, in addition to actively participating in events such as site visits to markets. See Annexure B for full programme.

10. ANNEXURES

Annexure A: Agenda, Information Guide & Safeguarding Manual

Annexure B:

FOR FURTHER DETAILS, CONTACT:

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

GARETH MORGAN

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

COMMENT:

Food systems" is an IDP project

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NAME

DATE

MANAGER: INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

COMMENT:

DR. DENVER VAN SCHALKWYK

SIGNATURE:

DATE

☐ 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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CITY MANAGER

☒ NOTED

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

DATE

COMMENT: