



**REPORT TO: THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE MAYORAL COMMITTEE [MAYCO]
AND SPATIAL PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT SECTION 79 COMMITTEE**

1. ITEM NUMBER

2. SUBJECT

**FEEDBACK ON THE INTERNATIONAL/OUTSIDE THE BORDERS OF THE
RSA TRIP UNDERTAKEN FROM 2 TO 6 DECEMBER 2023 TO GENEVA
ON AN OFFICIAL MISSION TO SWITZERLAND**

ONDERWERP

**TERUGVOERING OOR DIE INTERNASIONALE REIS (BUITE DIE GRENSE
VAN DIE RSA) NA GENÈVE VAN 2 TOT 6 DESEMBER 2023 VIR 'N
AMPTELIKE SENDING NA SWITZERLAND**

ISIHLOKO

**INGXELO ENGOHAMBO OLUYA PHESHEYANGAPHAYA KWEEBHODA
ZOMZANTSI AFRIKA OLUTHATYATHWE UKUSUSELA NGOWE2 UKUYA
KOWE6 KWEYOMNGA 2023 OLUYA EGENEVA KUHAMBO
OLUSESIKWENI OLUYA ESWITZERLAND**

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3. EVENT SUMMARY

EVENT DETAILS	
CONFERENCE/SEMINAR	N/A
OTHER	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The Urban Think Tank Empower (UTTE) meeting to co-present to the board of VRM Foundation concerning the Empower Project</i>• <i>Meeting with the South African Ambassador, and officials of the Geneva City Council</i>
DATE	2-6 December 2023
VENUE	Various
TOTAL COST TO THE CITY	R81 205,54 (Note: An additional R 15 039, 72 was sponsored by the UTTE)
CITY	Geneva
COUNTRY	SWITZERLAND

ATTENDEE DETAILS	
NAME AND SURNAME	DESIGNATION
Ald. Eddie Andrews	EXECUTIVE DEPUTY MAYOR

PROVIDE SUMMARY OF HOST ORGANISATION / CITY
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Formally launched in 2022, the Urban Think Tank Empower (UTTE) is a non-profit organisation, which emerged from the Urban-Think Tank Design Group, an international collective that uses the power of architecture and design to uplift the lives of marginalised communities worldwide. In 2012, the UTT's association with South Africa brought together an alliance of local and international partners to address the unique historical and social factors underpinning the country's housing crisis. With the aim to pioneer innovative approaches to driving impactful change by combining collective expertise and resources, the Empower Khayelitsha development project was launched.</i>• <i>Geneva hosts the European seat of the United Nations, as well as the International Red Cross. It is therefore an international city and global economic centre, with approximately 1000 Multinational companies based there. The city's GDP is USD3.9-billion. Some of the leading sectors in Geneva include Banking and financial services; Commodities trading; Information and Communication Technologies; Arts and Culture, and others.</i>

4. OBJECTIVE

The objective was twofold, namely to accompany the Executive Deputy Mayor when he was co-presenting with the Urban Think Tank Empower to the board of the VRM Foundation concerning the Empower Project, and to convene, and attend engagements with other relevant stakeholders.

5. OUTCOMES

Successful engagements with number of stakeholders with the promise of fruitful future collaboration (also see Actions Required below).

6. ACTIONS REQUIRED

- 6.1 Link Messrs Alfredo and Sergio with Mr David Valentine (Director: Treasury Services) as related to green bonds for housing opportunities (Responsible: International Relations Unit).
- 6.2 Support the UTTE in their efforts to secure funding from the VRM Foundation (Responsible: Executive Deputy Mayor's Office).
- 6.3 Reach out to the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) with the view to identify possible future collaboration (Responsible: International Relations Unit and Environmental Management Department).
- 6.4 Link the City's Environmental Management Department, and Climate Change Unit with their counterparts at the City of Geneva to identify possible future collaboration (Responsible: International Relations Unit).

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.

*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. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the feedback report on the official mission to Switzerland undertaken by Alderman Eddie Andrews (Executive Deputy Mayor) on 2 to 6 December 2023 **be considered and noted.**

AANBEVELING

Daar word aanbeveel dat die terugvoeringsverslag oor raadsheer Eddie Andrews (uitvoerende onderburgemeester) se amptelike sending na Switserland van 2 tot 6 Desember 2023 oorweeg word en dat daarvan kennis geneem word.

IZINDULULO

Kundululwe ukuba makuthathelwe ingqalelo kwaye kuqwalaselwe ingxelo engohambo olusesikweni oluya eSwitzerland oluthatyathwe nguCebakhulu Eddie Andrews (uSekela Sodolophu weSigqeba) ngowe2 ukuya kowe6 kweyoMnga 2023.

9. GENERAL DISCUSSION

In terms of clause 10.2 of the Travel Management Policy, a post travel report is to be submitted to the Delegated Authority for providing feedback on the travel and evidence of the benefit to the City.

The engagement with Messrs. Alfredo and Sergio of the Urban Think Tank focused on a general overview of Cape Town, and more specifically the effect of rapid urbanisation on human settlements and spatial development demands. The possibility of green bonds to assist with the development of housing opportunities were also mentioned.

As mentioned already, the Urban Think Tank Empower (UTTE) invited the Executive Deputy Mayor to join them in their meeting with the VRM Foundation. The purpose of the meeting was to provide the above-mentioned Foundation with updates on UTTE human settlements projects in Cape Town that the Foundation is funding, coupled with exploring the possibility of seeking additional funding for new developments/ extensions to existing projects. Firstly, the presentation focused on Phase I of the Empower Khayelitsha Pilot Project. This Phase resulted in 72 housing units benefitting 350 beneficiaries. The UTTE worked closely with community leaders for their input and support to ensure that the model developed responded directly to the needs of the community. The modular design of UTTE's unit in Phase 1 allows the owner to adapt the layout to suit their specific needs. It can be set up to accommodate a larger family, several smaller families or even a ground floor shop, with the living quarters on the first floor. Secondly, the presentation focused on Phase 2 of the Project, which will initially involve replicating and scaling up the Empowerment Mode. It will include 70 units targeting almost 350 residents living at Site C in Ikwezi Park, not far from the Phase 1 development. The overarching goal of the presentation was to seek/ secure funding for Phase 2.

During the engagement with Ambassador Nkosi, the discussion centred on matters as related to environmental sustainability and climate change. The Ambassador remarked that Cape Town is doing good work in the environmental sustainability space. The Executive Deputy Mayor mentioned a few City initiatives, and requested the Ambassador to assist the City in fostering closer relations with the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP).

The delegation also met with officials of the Geneva City Council to exchange insights as related to environmental sustainability. The City of Geneva is committed to creating a more sustainable environment within its territory, taking the limits of the planet into account. The quality of urban planning, mobility possibilities and the promotion of a healthy, diversified and green environment are just some of the levers by which it acts. Geneva is committed to creating a more sustainable environment through the following actions:

- Protects local biodiversity and develops nature in the city;
- Reduces water consumption and avoids water pollution;
- Minimises and recycles waste;
- Promotes responsible mobility; and,
- Pursue a sustainable energy policy and take action to protect the climate.

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COMMENT:

ALD. EDDIE ANDREWS

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

TEL

DATE

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

Note: Under paragraph 4 titled "Objective", the name of the relevant official that accompanied the Executive Deputy Mayor should have been stated, in order for this paragraph to read coherently in line with the report as a whole which is drafted from the perspective of Alderman Eddie Andrews.