



# AFRICAN CAPITAL CITIES SUSTAINABILITY FORUM

## 5-7 JUNE 2018

The 4th annual gathering of Mayors of African Capital Cities is brought to you once again in partnership with the City of Tshwane, South Africa's capital city and pioneer of green urban development. Under the leadership of Solly Msimanga, EM of the City of Tshwane, the African Capital Cities Sustainability Forum has become the premier sustainability focussed event for city leaders on the African continent.

Key challenges threatening growth and development in African include rapid urbanisation, energy and water access and stresses, sanitation, the global economic slowdown, rising unemployment and social inequities, trade facilitation, connectivity, land and biodiversity degradation, amongst others, and on top of this the significant and growing impacts of climate change. Capital cities have a unique role in providing leadership for other local authorities within country borders. Partnerships and collaborative efforts have an important role to play in the implementation of sustainability, especially collaboration between the national, local and other levels of government to align and thus more effectively address sustainable development challenges. The increasing rate of urbanization in African cities especially calls for the proactive design and implementation of sustainable urban development solutions.

ACCSF is a powerful, growing network for the mayors of capital cities across the continent to achieve the sustainable development goals that are common to all, and ACCSF is the annual meeting place of this network



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### WHO'S INVITED:

- Mayors of African Capital Cities
- Supporting technocrats from African Capital Cities
- Leaders from all South and Southern African municipalities
- NGOs, research institutes, and related policy advisors
- Private sector industrial and commercial investors
- Sustainability-oriented Project Developers
- Sustainability-oriented Solutions and Expertise providers
- Green Economy Entrepreneurs, especially those interested in Africa
- Suppliers of infrastructure related materials technologies
- Funders, financiers and related stakeholders

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## // RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP

The call for responsive and responsible leadership has echoed at all levels around the world, from the World Economic Forum to the ACCSF. Sustainable development is simply impossible without leaders with integrity dedicated to working to benefit society as a whole.

## FINANCING AND BANKABILITY //

Sustainable development projects are often capital intensive thus require funding – there's no getting around that. Projects have to be bankable to attract funding, which means project developers and funders have to speak the same language. At the same time, there is more than one type of project banker. ACCSF seeks to simplify and clarify the position as it affects city leaders in Africa.

## // CITY PLANNING AND CLIMATE CHANGE

What is the purpose of a city? Every administration has an implicit philosophy that speaks in varying proportions to the interests of citizens and private business. Some cities will lay down the red carpet for developers and expect the masses to be content with what trickles down to them. Other cities will have an inclusive approach that gets citizens involved in the planning and development process. To complicate matters further, climate change has disrupted "business as usual" so that leaders have to fundamentally reconsider how to chart the waters of the future.

## WATER AND SANITATION //

Universal access to safe water and dignified sanitation is widely identified as the most basic precondition for a decent life and is fundamental to public health, yet water and sanitation infrastructure remains sorely underdeveloped in many cities throughout Africa. It is up to Africa's mayors to ensure that their citizens can be assured of this basic right – by revolutionizing the way cities supply water. Some of the solutions lie in leap-frogging from underdeveloped infrastructure directly to lowest cost, often decentralised models which access private sector funding and paid for by consumers using the latest technologies and platforms.

## // ENERGY

Energy is about a lot more than switching the lights on.

The energy model of countries directly affects the cost of living and production, competitiveness, balance of trade, security, and for cities – access to electricity is a fundamental barrier to ending urban poverty.

To what extent can a decentralised approach to energy markets enable cities to be a part of the energy solution?

Reliable energy supply is also a gender issue: "In rural and peri-urban areas, women and girls are mainly responsible for procuring and using cooking fuels; they are disproportionately affected by the negative effects of limited access to energy." Of course, large-scale, capital-intensive technology projects are also necessary to power the formal sectors of the economy, including cash crops and mechanized production.

## TRANSPORT AND MOBILITY //

Transport infrastructure is the backbone of the economy and a key enabler for other infrastructure projects such as energy, communications, water and sanitation. Transport is also linked in important ways to urban health and social well-being. However, bringing transport projects to fruition requires meeting the needs of many stakeholders. Urban mobility is a fundamental challenge in African cities struggling with traffic congestion, and the concomitant threats to urban health, productivity, and cost of access to work and amenities. Advancing efficient, safe, and cost effective integrated public and non-motorised transport lies at the root of solutions to stimulate local economies and combat the scourge of urban poverty.

## SESSIONS

09:00 – Welcome by Programme Director  
09:10 Lindiwe Mazibuko

09:10 – Opening Address:  
09:30 Cllr Solly Tshepiso Msimanga, Executive Mayor, City of Tshwane

09:30 – Panel discussion:  
10:15 Topic: ‘Responsible Leadership’

10:15 – TEA  
10:45

10:45 – Panel discussion:  
11:30 Topic: “Finance and bankability”

11:30 – Panel discussion:  
12:30 Topic: “City planning and climate change”

12:30 – LUNCH  
14:00

14:00 – Panel discussion:  
15:15 Topic: “Water and Sanitation”

15:15 – Panel discussion:  
16:00 Topic: “Sustainable energy”

16:00- Panel discussion:  
16:45 Topic: “Transport and mobility”

16:45 – Closing remarks  
17:00

17:00- Mayors’ cocktail function  
18:00

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## SESSIONS

### 6 JUNE 2018

8.30-13.00	Mayors attend the City Sustainability Conference
13.00-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.00	Mayors are taken on an official walk-through of the Expo
15.00-17.00	Mayoral roundtable

### TECHNICAL TOURS

Mayors visit key sites representative of the City of Tshwane's vision of sustainable development

#### Material Recovery Facility, Atteridgeville

The Atteridgeville Recycling Park is made up of four components:

1. A material recovery facility (MRF) with recyclable waste processed from the free Two-Bag system which will be distributed by the City in phases to residents in Region 3 and 4;
2. A transfer station or mixed waste beneficiation facility;
3. A composting facility where shredded garden waste will be turned into organic compost;
4. A building rubble and tyre crumbing facility.

#### BMW Plant, Rosslyn

BMW Group Plant Rosslyn has been the heart beat of BMW South Africa operations. Over the past four decades it moved from operating as a Completely Knocked Down (CKD) vehicle production plant, assembling vehicles with limited customisation possibilities for the local market, to a world class plant capable of producing customised cars for discerning customers across the globe.

#### Garankuwa Eco-Furniture Factory

Hundreds of unemployed young people from around Ga-Rankuwa have found employment at the Eco-furniture factory, producing coffins and school desks.

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