

XXX MUNICIPALITY
REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO A REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP ON CLIMATE CHANGE WITH
KWAZULU-NATAL MUNICIPALITIES AND FOR THE HONOURABLE MAYOR TO SIGN
THE DURBAN ADAPTATION CHARTER**

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To obtain Council approval to enter into a regional partnership on climate change with central KwaZulu-Natal municipalities, formally known as the Central KwaZulu-Natal Climate Change Compact.
- 1.2 That subject to Council approval, the City Mayor be authorised to sign, on behalf of XX Municipality, to be a member of the Central KwaZulu-Natal Climate Change Compact.
- 1.3 To obtain Council approval for the XX Municipality to become a member of the Durban Adaptation Charter.
- 1.4 That subject to Council approval, the City Mayor be authorised to sign, on behalf of the XX Municipality, the Durban Adaptation Charter.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The Central KwaZulu-Natal Climate Change Compact

The Central KwaZulu-Natal Climate Change Compact was initiated by the eThekweni Municipality in early 2014 to facilitate a regional partnership on climate change between eThekweni Municipality and its neighbouring municipalities. The aim of the partnership is to provide a forum through which participating municipalities can cooperate in order to reduce the vulnerability and increase the resilience of their communities in the face of climate change.

At the end of February 2014 a workshop on the Regional Climate Change Partnership was held in Pietermaritzburg, and **XX Municipality** was invited to attend. At the workshop the development of a regional partnership on climate change was accepted by all the participants. After the workshop a Terms of Reference for the partnership was developed and circulated to participants for review. Based on input a final terms of reference has been developed for the partnership. The aims of the Central KwaZulu-Natal Climate Change Compact as outlined in the Terms of Reference are to:

- Share information on both projected climate change impacts and best practice in responding to these projected impacts.
- Collaboratively develop locally appropriate responses to projected climate change impacts.
- Jointly respond to climate change relevant policy and legislation that is developed at a national and provincial level.
- Cooperate in the process of building internal climate change capacity amongst municipal staff and councillors.
- Network with national and global bodies that can provide information, support and resources.
- Develop joint funding proposals for cross-boundary climate change response projects.

By participating in the Central KwaZulu-Natal Climate Change Compact, the **XX Municipality** will benefit from attending formal compact meetings where information on climate change will be shared and common responses on areas of joint interest will be developed. The **XX Municipality** will also benefit from electronic information sharing between members and opportunities to collaborate on climate change projects.

2.2 The Durban Adaptation Charter

The Durban Adaptation Charter (DAC) was developed in 2011 at COP17 in Durban and has since been signed by 114 mayors representing more than 950 local municipalities around the world. The DAC commits its signatories to responding to climate change in their local municipalities by assisting their communities to respond and cope with climate change risks that they experience. The DAC focuses on ten key points in order to promote climate change adaptation responses by local municipalities. These include: mainstreaming adaptation, understanding climate risks, preparing adaptation strategies, alignment with mitigation, meeting the needs of communities, access to funding, monitoring and evaluation, and governance and partnerships.

The signing of the Durban Adaptation Charter by the Mayor of **XX Municipality** will demonstrate that the **XX Municipality** commits to assisting communities to adapt to the impacts of climate change and provides the pathway for collaborations with other municipalities around the world that have signed the charter, to assist the **XX Municipality** to better prepare and cope with the impacts of climate change.

3. MOTIVATION TO ENTER INTO A REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP ON CLIMATE CHANGE

The purpose of the regional partnership on climate change is to provide a forum through which participating municipalities cooperate on reducing vulnerability in our communities and increase the resilience of ecosystems and other systems on which we rely. This motivation is for the approval of XX Municipality City Mayor, XXX to approve that XX Municipality becomes a member of the Central KwaZulu-Natal Climate Change Compact.

The XX Municipality will be required to commit resources, where available or affordable, to the climate change work. This includes funding the travel and other expenses associated with XX Municipal staff attending Compact meetings. If the XX Municipality hosts a Compact meeting within their own municipal area it will be responsible for the costs. Where funding is not available, it should be sought externally. There is no joining fee for the Compact.

4. MOTIVATION FOR HIS HONOURABLE MAYOR TO SIGN THE DURBAN ADAPTATION CHARTER

The purpose of the Durban Adaptation Charter is to promote climate change adaptation by local municipalities. This motivation is for approval of XX Municipality City Mayor, XXX to sign the Durban Adaptation Charter on behalf of the XX Municipality, and therefore to agree to commit to ten principles for climate change adaptation at a local level.

The XX Municipality will be responsible for committing resources, where available or affordable, to the climate change adaptation work. Where funding is not available, it should be sought externally. There is no joining fee for the Durban Adaptation Charter.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 That approval be granted to enter into a regional partnership on climate change with central KwaZulu-Natal municipalities, formally known as the Central KwaZulu-Natal Climate Change Compact.
- 5.2 That subject to Council approval, the City Mayor be authorised to sign, on behalf of XX Municipality, an agreement to be a member of the Central KwaZulu-Natal Climate Change Compact.
- 5.3 That approval be granted for the XX Municipality to become a member of the Durban Adaptation Charter.
- 5.4 That subject to Council approval, the City Mayor be authorised to sign, on behalf of the XX Municipality, the Durban Adaptation Charter.

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