

The Durban Climate Change Partnership

Advisory Forum Kickoff Meeting

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Venue: Diakonia Centre, Durban

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Agenda

- 17:30 – 17:40** **Welcome and introduction**
- 17:40 – 18:05** **Member introductions / apologies**
- 18:05 – 18:20** **Key findings from initial stakeholder meetings**
- 18:20 – 19:00** **Goals, activities and outputs of the Durban Climate Change Partnership:**
 - Discussion
 - Role of Advisory Forum
 - Next steps
- 19:00 – 19:15** **Proposed Forum Terms of Reference (ToR):**
 - Discussion
 - Approval
- 19:15 – 19:30** **Next Advisory Forum Meeting:**
 - Date and time
 - Key agenda items

Welcome and introduction

Jonathan Curren
Managing Director, Camco South Africa

Member brief introductions:

Name / institution / sector represented

Advisory Forum Makeup

Sector Breakdown:

- Academia (2)
- Civil Society (11)
- Government (4)
- Private Sector (8)
- Parastatals (3)

Key findings from initial stakeholder meetings

**Sarah Alsen
Executive Director, BioRegional South Africa**

Key findings from initial stakeholder meetings

Stakeholder engagement emphasis:

- Mitigation should be a focus as well as adaptation
- Lack of information dissemination on eThekweni's work and research
- Lessons from international Climate Change (CC) partnerships should be used to develop the DCCP, including how best to impact the regulatory framework
- Forums for debate are needed – to share information and better understand varying opinions and agendas, such that they can be placed in the context of how to address CC

Key findings from initial stakeholder meetings

Stakeholder engagement emphasis (cont'd):

- DCCP needs to be participatory across socio-economic groups, rural / urban areas, and sectors - 'everyone be involved to get overall buy-in and to develop broad based solutions'
- DCCP must NOT just be another talk shop
- Partnership must be worthwhile
- Key focus areas identified to date are energy, water and transport (this could take a working group approach to develop action plans)
- Other focus areas: health, disaster management

Key findings from initial stakeholder meetings

Unique attributes of DCCP:

- Broad sectoral representation
- Proactive champions in the field of CC in Durban
- Insightful perspectives and diverse opinions from different sectors

Key findings from initial stakeholder meetings

Unique opportunities to:

- Collaborate with policy-makers, business leaders and civil society in Durban
- Support the development of unified leadership on CC in Durban
- Capture public attention on CC issues due to COP17
- Collate and coordinate existing worthwhile CC projects in Durban to showcase proactive initiatives and avoid “reinventing the wheel”

Goals, Activities and Outputs of the DCCP

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Possible DCCP functions:

- Public and internal information sharing, including disseminating City wide successes
- Networking
- Review existing/planned projects with the aim to endorse viable projects according to an agreed criteria
- Provide technical and other support to planned initiatives/activities already underway
- Act as a body of broad expert opinion to “trouble shoot” projects planned by various partners
- Manage, finance and implement projects

Goals, Activities and Outputs of the DCCP

Possible outputs:

- DCCP Strategic Plan incorporating:
 - Climate Protection Policy for the City
 - Sustainable funding model
 - Communications plan for broader public engagement and awareness raising
 - Partnership Action Plan
- Endorsement of specific projects
- Project support and implementation

Questions and Discussion



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Questions raised at initial stakeholder meetings:

- How will DCCP work across sectors?
- How will innovation be encouraged?
- How will different groups work together on CC issues and who will facilitate this discussion?
- Need for incentives? i.e. how to address ‘what’s in it for me?’ (such as positive: financial impacts, quick wins, energy efficiencies; negative: water scarcity, increasing costs)
- Could “projects on the ground” take the form of poverty alleviation campaigns or infrastructure development linked to CC projects for example? (such as building paths and bridges down the South Coast as an adaptation measure in preparation of more frequent flooding)
- Sustaining the Partnership into the long term?

Role of the Advisory Forum

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- Provide **strategic input** to the development of the Partnership in its initial stages (on temporary basis, over 3-5 month period)
- Offer **inputs on potential focus areas** for the Partnership in terms of mitigation and adaptation interventions, and in terms of tangible outputs
- Assist in **gathering support** for the DCCP within relevant sectors and constituencies, and **disseminating information** on the Partnership's progress
- Give **advice and make recommendations** on other climate change related issues and management in Durban
- Agree on an appropriate **institutional structure** to lead and manage the DCCP

Questions and Discussion

- Role of the Advisory Forum
- Next Steps



Proposed Advisory Forum Terms of Reference/Constitution

Abigail Knox, BioRegional

Proposed Forum Terms of Reference

Advisory Forum Structure, Governance and Operational Activities:

3.1 Governance Arrangements

- Democratic, transparent and inclusive
- Membership and Chair

3.2 Procedural Activities

- Selection and Deselection
- Decision making

3.3 Requirements of Advisory Forum Personnel

- Willing and available, representative, proactive

3.4 Financial Capacity

- To be discussed by Advisory Forum in future meetings

3.5 Meetings of the Advisory Forum

- Frequency, Attendance, Quorum, Chair and Deputy Chair, Secretariat, Secondary representatives, Agenda, Minutes of meetings, Reporting back on Actions, Venue

3.6 Dispute Resolution

3.7 Termination of the Advisory Forum

Proposed Forum Terms of Reference

Key points and amendments raised by Advisory Forum Members:

- [Sue Brittion] amendment to 3.2.1.3. Member Termination:

Membership shall be terminated if a member is found to be using membership of the Advisory Forum for personal gain ~~in a manner destructive to the Advisory Forum or the Durban Climate Change Partnership as a whole.~~

- Role and appointment of the Chair and Secretariat
- Timeframe and termination of the AF coinciding with the selection of a Steering Committee

Questions and Discussion



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- Date and Time
- Key Agenda Items

Summary and Way Forward



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Current Timeline

- *Initial stakeholder engagements – September/October 2010*
- *External stakeholders meeting – 1 November 2010*
- *Commence Advisory Forum – call for nominations and selection process (December 2010 to February 2011)*
- *Advisory Forum Kickoff Meeting – March 2011*
- *Major workshops and events: Q2 through to Q4 of 2011*
- *Establish DCCP Steering Committee – August 2011*
- *Finalise Partnership funding plan: end 2011*
- *Develop DCCP Strategic Plan: finalise by early 2012*
- *Project hand-over to Steering Committee: early 2012*