



# COP 17/CMP 7

3 DAYS TO GO!

## Durban

Edition 5



**COP17/CMP7**  
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DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

## OVER 190 NATIONS, 20 000 PEOPLE, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ISSUE IN THE WORLD, ONE GREAT CITY - DURBAN!

After months of preparation COP17/CMP7 is here! In this newsletter we update you on the ICC readiness and its greening, as well as other initiatives to minimise and offset the event's carbon footprint.

### MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR OF ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITY, COUNCILLOR JAMES NXUMALO

#### WE ARE READY

*"The planning is over and we are in the final stages of implementation towards the opening of the biggest conference ever held on the African continent, COP17/CMP7."*

In a few days time we will be welcoming the world to our shores as the countries of the world try to find a solution to arguably the world's greatest challenge, that of climate change. As these delegates, observers and NGOs arrive, we must ensure that we are prepared to host them in the warmest way possible – warm people, warm food, warm beaches, warmth all around. But being the warmest place to be also signals to us that our earth is getting warmer and we must do something about that!

We are ready to welcome the world and I certainly believe that we are in the process of meeting all the responsibilities expected of us as the Host City and are now getting ready to stand back, open our arms and welcome the world to Durban, Africa's leader in the response to Climate Change.

As the host city, Durban took up the challenge of hosting COP17/CMP7 in such a way that delegates and visitors would leave the event updated and informed about Durban's Greening Projects, as well as touched by its social and cultural wealth, its natural beauty and its sustainable approach to City development. In order to maximise the benefits of hosting such an event (both economic and environmental), the full strength and capacity of the municipality has been brought together to run the event as efficiently as possible.

We are delighted to be able to host what is probably the most important and largest conference ever held in Africa. I truly hope that we are able to contribute to ensuring that we leave our children a legacy that they can be proud of."



*EXCO Councillor Tex Collins; EXCO Councillor Ronnie Veeran; EXCO Councillor Nigel Gumede; Sue Bannister (Acting Head Strategic Projects Unit); Speaker Logie Naidoo; EXCO Councillor Nondumiso Cele; EXCO Councillor Fawzia Peer; Mayor James Nxumalo; EXCO Councillor Patrick Pillay; EXCO Councillor Zandile Gumede; Michael Sutcliffe (City Manager) & artist, Troy Dowset in front. Picture taken at the Priority Zone Rooftop garden.*

### MINIMISING AND OFFSETTING THE EVENT'S CARBON FOOTPRINT

In the hosting of COP17/CMP7, Durban has taken responsibility for minimising carbon emissions wherever possible and, where not possible, to offset the remaining local footprint. A number of initiatives have been put in place to minimise the event's carbon footprint, including energy efficiency interventions at the ICC, the implementation of a *Responsible Accommodation Campaign* targeting accommodation businesses in Durban, and the design of efficient public and non-motorised transport systems for delegates to use.

# MINIMISING AND OFFSETTING THE EVENT'S CARBON FOOTPRINT

## GREENING THE ICC

*The Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre (ICC) is a leading green convention centre*

All the sessions of COP17/CMP7 will be held at the world-class Inkosi Albert Luthuli International Convention Centre (ICC).

### HIGH TECH DESIGN

The ICC building is a world-class, high-tech design that has incorporated green elements such as large glass facades for natural lighting, energy-efficient light fittings and air conditioning systems, and indigenous landscaping which reduces the need for excessive irrigation. The ICC's water-use profile is low for a building of its size, and it is currently rolling out upgrades to its ablutions.

### WASTE

The ICC has a stringent waste separation policy that aims to ensure that the maximum possible volume of waste is sent for recycling. During the first half of 2011, more than 50% of the waste generated at the ICC and DEC was recycled. The ICC has also introduced biodegradable boxes for food served in its café, and limits the use of 250ml bottles of water for conference events wherever possible.

### ENERGY

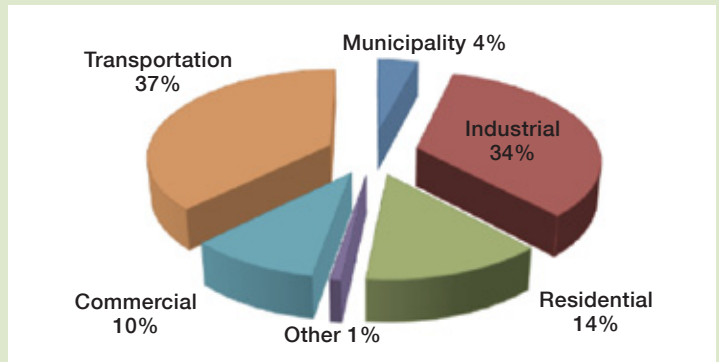
The ICC and DEC buildings have recently undergone an energy-efficiency retrofit, with the latest in lighting technology, anticipated to reduce the energy requirements of the complex by approximately 7% of the current total demand.

Through a partnership with the eThekweni Municipality, Philips Lighting Southern Africa, and Eskom, 155 streetlights in the ICC precinct have been retrofitted with energy-efficient Iridium LED streetlights. Four of the major

road intersections around the ICC have been fitted with solar traffic lighting. The total energy savings from these interventions is expected to be in the order of 68.6 MW per annum.

Enquiries: [www.icc.co.za](http://www.icc.co.za)

## ETHEKWINI GREENHOUSE GAS (GHG) EMISSIONS INVENTORY 2010



A Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Inventory for the eThekweni Municipality has been compiled for the 2010 calendar year. This emissions Inventory will help plan climate change mitigation strategies within the Municipality. The GHG Emissions Inventory (GHGEI) is divided into two sub-inventories. One is for the broader eThekweni community, which includes GHG emissions from various sectors within the boundary of the eThekweni Municipal Area. The other is for GHG emissions from activities under the control of the Municipality.

The total greenhouse emissions recorded for the entire eThekweni Municipal Area was 27 069 288 tCO<sub>2</sub>e for the year 2010. The largest contribution to this footprint was transportation (37% of the total GHGs) followed closely by Industry emissions (34%).



Julie-May Ellingson, Chief Executive Officer of the award winning International Convention Centre Durban, announced recently that the ICC has received its ISO 14001 certification. "The certification addresses ICC Durban's Environmental Management System and assures that it complies with the rigorous performance standards set by the International Standards Organisation (ISO), a group that sets quality and environmental management standards for businesses," she says. "The ISO 14001 certification adds to our existing ISO9001, ISO22000 and SANS 10330: HACCP certifications."

# MINIMISING AND OFFSETTING THE EVENT'S ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT

## THE DURBAN CEBA INITIATIVE – AFRICANISING ADAPTATION

*Help Africa adapt to climate change.*

*Buy a CEBA credit.*

As part of Durban's COP17/CMP7 Greening Programme, the city has launched the Durban CEBA initiative. CEBA stands for "Community-Ecosystem Based Adaptation" and focuses on the link between communities and the ecosystems that underwrite their welfare and livelihood. The Durban CEBA Initiative intends to uplift local communities by creating 'green' jobs for the poor and unemployed, restoring the ecosystems that are important to the welfare of these communities and reducing our collective vulnerability to climate change.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

**You can buy CEBA credits to support this work by** visiting [www.durbanceba.org](http://www.durbanceba.org)

Each CEBA credit that you buy will result in the employment of one local community member for a day, to undertake a range of climate protection work, such as invasive alien plant (IAP) clearing, ecosystem restoration or community



recycling. This work is directed towards both reducing climate change impacts through carbon sequestration and emissions reductions, and in building resilience and adaptability to climate change in vulnerable communities. By buying CEBA credits, you are contributing towards global climate protection, ecosystem restoration, job creation, climate change adaptation and building the green economy!

## THE CONFERENCE FORMAT

**You may be wondering what is happening during the official conference and negotiations.**

### Pre-Sessions (21 – 26th November)

- 65th meeting of the Clean Development Mechanism Executive Board
- Least developed countries Preparatory Meetings
- Small island developing States Preparatory Meetings

- 27th meeting of the Joint Implementation Supervisory Committee
- African Group Preparatory Meetings
- G-77 & China Preparatory Meetings

### First Week (28th November – 3rd December)

- Opening Ceremony – COP and CMP
- 35th session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI 35)
- 35th session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA 35)
- 16th session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (4th part) (AWG-KP16)
- 14th session of the Ad Hoc Working Group in Long-term Cooperative Action (4th part) (AWG-LCA 14)

### Second Week (5th – 9th December)

- High Level Segment
- COP and CMP national statements
- Adoption of decisions



For more information, visit:  
[www.cop17-cmp7durban.com](http://www.cop17-cmp7durban.com)



### BUSINESS LINKS TO COP17/CMP7

National Business Initiative (NBI)  
[www.nbi.org.za/Cop17](http://www.nbi.org.za/Cop17)

Durban Chamber of Commerce,  
Environmental Committee  
[www.durbanchamber.co.za](http://www.durbanchamber.co.za)