

# THE C40 CITIES CLIMATE LEADERSHIP GROUP MAYORS SUMMIT

# JOBURG 2014

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### BOILERPLATE

From Tuesday the 4th to Thursday the 6th of February 2014, the City of Johannesburg (CoJ) is proud host to the 2014 C40 Mayors Summit delivered by the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40) and the Clinton Climate Initiative (CCI) Cities Program.

This is the first time the C40 Cities Mayors Summit will be hosted in Africa, a continent highly vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change. CoJ is part of the C40 steering committee and the regional head of the African region. Only three other cities are part of C40 namely Cairo, Lagos and Addis Abba.

The C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group is a network of the world's largest cities, committed to implement meaningful and sustainable climate-related policies that will help address global climate change concerns and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

The C40 Cities Mayors Summit offers cities an effective forum where they can collaborate, share knowledge, exchange ideas, forge new partnerships and drive meaningful, measurable and sustainable action on climate change.

Senior officials and mayors from over 63 leading cities around the world, come together to discuss the climate change challenges facing their cities, and share insights based on the actions they've taken to reduce GHG emissions. Around 700 urban and climate change leaders will join them in a series of roundtable discussions and working sessions to focus on the themes of GHG measurement and adaptation.

During the Summit, Joburg will demonstrate its current actions towards climate resilience with great environmental sustainability impacts through the following projects:

- Environmental Educator - Eco Guides Project
- Schools Climate Proofing
- Lanseria Reservoir - Johannesburg Water SOC's project of constructing a new 20ML water reservoir and a 1.2ML water tower in Lanseria with a value of R39.5 Million
- The Gauteng Planning Commission (GPC) - publishing its current infrastructure and development planning results as captured in the Gauteng Vision 2055

Joburg is a world class events destination and a progressive entity with strong and competent leadership who is passionate about actualising environmental sustainability across all its regions.

**Boilerplate 2 for Theme Releases:**

From Tuesday the 4th to Thursday the 6th of February 2014, the City of Johannesburg (CoJ) will be proudly hosting the fifth biennial C40 Cities Mayors Summit - the first time the event will be taking place in Africa. Only three other African cities are part of C40 namely Cairo, Lagos and Addis Abba.

The Summit is delivered by the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group and the Clinton Climate Initiative (CCI) Cities Program, and will be co-hosted by the Executive Mayor of City of Johannesburg Councillor Mpho Parks Tau and former Mayor of New York City and Chair of C40, Michael Bloomberg.

The C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group (C40) is a network of large and engaged cities from around the world, committed to implementing meaningful and sustainable global climate-related actions that generate measurable reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and climate risks.

The theme of the 2014 C40 Cities Mayors Summit is ***'Towards resilient and liveable megacities - demonstrating action, impact and opportunity'***.

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Around 700 urban and climate change leaders will join them in a series of roundtable discussions and working sessions to focus on the themes of resilient and liveable megacities, GHG measurement and adaptation, and impact and opportunity. While cities only occupy 2% of the Earth's landmass, they contain over 50% of the world's population, use two-thirds of its energy and generate over 70% of global CO2 emissions. With 90% of the world's urban areas situated on coastlines, cities are at high risk from some of the climate change impacts, such as rising sea levels and powerful coastal storms.

Hosting the event will be a historic moment for Johannesburg, South Africa, and the African continent which is clear recognition of the growing role that South Africa plays in finding solutions to the most pressing issues facing the globe. During the Summit, Joburg will demonstrate its current actions towards climate resilience with great environmental sustainability impacts through initiatives including:

- Sustainable Communities: Schools Climate Proofing
- Green Transportation: Rea Vaya - BRT
- Integrated Waste Management: Separation at Source
- Water Management: Lanseria Reservoir - Johannesburg Water SOC's project of constructing a new 20ML water reservoir and a 1.2ML water tower in Lanseria with a value of R39.5 Million

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