VirtualStudyTour:

CLIMATE CHANGE & URBAN RESILIENCE

PROGRAMME

The concept of Urban Climate Change Resilience (UCCR) embraces climate change adaptation, mitigation actions, and disaster risk reduction while recognizing the complexity of rapidly growing urban areas and the uncertainty associated with climate change. With the world's population expected to be over two-thirds urban-dwelling by 2050, climate action in cities holds a growing urgency in the inter-disciplines of development policy, disaster mitigation and environmental governance.
Resilient cities must have social, environmental, and economic systems that can withstand the impact of climate change but creating resilient cities requires all stakeholders to strengthen the urban fabric.

Adaptation plans are largely state-driven and top-down in their approach, but by building from the ground-up at the same time, civil society can be immensely helpful. Particularly by raising awareness of climate change and its likely impacts as well as by influencing adaptive behaviour in communities. This is increasingly important given the realities of the city landscape in South Africa which have a massive "informal" growth and an increasing lack of trust in government to contend with. Urban governance structures should therefore be supported and informed through broad collaborations that can provide constructive feedback to government and municipalities from the very communities they are striving to help.

Professionals involved and interested in these spheres are invited, over two afternoons, to examine the following questions together:
- What are the barriers to collaborative partnerships in urban spaces for climate mitigation and adaptation? What can we do to build successful partnerships and participatory processes? And,
- What are the processes, mechanisms and tools available to use to achieve resilience in South African urban areas?

This is an unusual opportunity to take advantage of - one where you not only learn but also can discuss and grapple with these matters with your European and South African peers who are "in the same boat" as you. It gives you access to expertise, experience and a skilled sounding-board of peers.

[Due to the unpredictability of the global landscape at this time, speakers may change without notice]

Wednesday 15 September, 2021

13h30 Welcome, Introductions & House-keeping

14h00 Successful adaptation solutions: Some lessons
- Belynda Petrie, Oneworld
Q&A session

14h45 **Major barriers to collaborative climate adaptation/ mitigation in SA cities**
- Dr. Shaun O'Donoghue, Durban Metro; Dr. Kevin Winter, UCT
Q&A session

15h30 **How can civil society support climate adaptation/mitigation capacity-building in urban spaces?**
- Dr. Shaun O'Donoghue, Durban Metro; Dieter Brandt, AEDI
Q&A session

16h30 **Toolkits Session 1: What is out there and what works?**
- Presentations: **CSIR's *GreenBook*,** Amy Pieterse & **Naturvation Urban Nature Atlas,** McKenna Davis
Q&A session

Day 1 closes by 17h30

Friday 17 September, 2021

13h30 **Review & House-keeping**

13h45 **Toolkits Session 2: What is out there and what works?**
- Presentation: ***Let's Respond Toolkit*,** Mikateko Sithole, DFFE
Q&A session

15h00 **Panel: Strengthening citizen engagement in order to raise awareness of climate change and encourage adaptation behaviour in communities.**
- Dr Kevin Winter, UCT; Valeria Barbi, EU Climate Pact Ambassador and Climate Change Expert
Q&A session

16h00 **Address by EU Delegation Counsellor**

16h15 **Survey & follow-up arrangements**
Group exercise

Day 2 closes by 16h30

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