

IMPLEMENTING THE **NEW URBAN AGENDA**

Side Event Advertisement

Tuesday, 9 May 2017, Venue: Conference room 14

Time: 13:00 – 13:45

Nairobi, Kenya

Putting safety at the core of local government development Agenda

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Confirmed Speakers

- Mayor of eThekweni Municipality & Chair of AFUS – Her Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Zandile Gumede
- Deputy Minister for Department of Human Settlements – Honourable Ms Zou Kota-Fredericks, MP

Background

After almost 20 years of practice, African Cities agreed during 2012 African Cities Summit in Dakar, Senegal to establish local government by local government 'Community of Practice' called African Forum for Urban Safety (AFUS) to take a lead on the mainstreaming of urban safety, crime and violence prevention within local government development agenda. EThekweni Municipality (City of Durban) was given the responsibility to lead this Forum as the Chair and permanent Secretariat.

EThekweni Municipality as the Chair of AFUS, working with partners such as UN Habitat, United Cities and Local Government-Africa, and the Department of Human Settlement in South Africa, has hosted three key Mayoral sessions including the inaugural AFUS Learning Exchange hosted during June 2016.

AFUS Secretariat has also taken advantage of the Habitat III process to highlight the complementary role of Cities and Local Government in peace building, urban safety, crime and violence prevention. AFUS through its Chair, Mayor of eThekweni Municipality has continuously advance for targeted support to local government on addressing urban safety.

Chair of AFUS hosted the first 2017 AFUS Political Bureau during 3-5 April 2017 in Durban; and it was agreed that there is a need to engage all spheres of government and strategic partners with an aim to facilitate support to cities and local government to address crime and violence within the context of post 2015 development agenda in the form of Sustainable Development Goals and New Urban Agenda. In fact, the post 2015 development agenda present a great opportunity for local government with active participation of strategic partners to consolidate, review and strengthen urban safety, crime and violence prevention strategies. It further places key responsibility on local government around the coordination of efforts since this sphere of government is closest to the people.

Relevance to the GC26 theme

The proposed session is very relevant to the theme of the Governing Council, *Opportunities for effective implementation of the New Urban Agenda*". The session will allow local government to put forward its proposition for the implementation of post 2015 development agenda especially around urban safety, crime and violence prevention for discussion and support.

The proposed session speaks to the third sub-theme. *'Integrated human settlements planning for sustainable urbanisation'*".

Objective

The objective of the proposed session is to allow for a critical engagement with all relevant stakeholders with an aim to support cities and local governments' efforts as the complementary partners in urban safety, crime and violence prevention. It is envisaged that after this engagement all stakeholders will support the inclusion of urban safety in urban planning, financing, implementation, and support to cities and local government.

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