

Ms Colleen Yeoman
Embassy Conferencing & Events Management

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Dear Colleen,

**The Local Climate Solutions for Africa 2011 (LOCS2011) Congress held in
Cape Town, South Africa from 27 February – 3 March 2011.**

ICLEI's World Secretariat and our ICLEI Africa office have been receiving overwhelmingly positive feedback from LOCS2011 congress partners, delegates and observers. As part of the congress event co-ordinators, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your valued contribution towards making LOCS2011 a success.

With your support we were able to ensure that Mayors and high-level dignitaries from the various Sub Sahara countries were greeted on arrival, transferred to their hotels, advised on process to follow and at all times treated with the due decorum that befits their position. The fact that you and your staff were able to operate as part of the ICLEI team with little or no background information is in itself proof of your professionalism. Events of this nature often have last minute changes due to the various responsibilities of the delegates and even these did not cause undue concern knowing that you and your staff would make alternative and appropriate arrangements at the last moment while keeping all concerned fully updated.

With your help, we were able to provide the 380 LOCS2011 registered participants from over 50 African cities the opportunity to engage in more than 100 plenary and thematic session presentations. LOCS2011 attracted mayors and high-level dignitaries from more than 25 West, East, Central and Southern African countries, including many key South African local and national government representatives.

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability globally provides accessible connecting platforms for local leaders, their associations, national governments, scientists, technical experts development partners, business, and civil society to

ICLEI's mission is to build and serve a worldwide movement of local governments to achieve tangible improvements in global sustainability with special focus on environmental conditions through cumulative local actions.



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engage on local development challenges and solutions. At platforms such as LOCS2011, local leaders share and consolidate vision, build position and forge new and innovative partnerships to accelerate local action towards sustainable development.

In this regard, LOCS2011 was strategically timed ahead of the upcoming global climate negotiations (UNFCCC COP17) taking place later this year in the City of Durban. ICLEI, with our partners, are committed to support further local climate advocacy and awareness ahead of these important deliberations towards a new global climate framework.

To this end, ICLEI will be working with you to ensure that both our Global and local delegations are transported and accommodated in the same way that our LOCS2011 delegates enjoyed.

It was a pleasure working with you and we look forward to our continued collaboration in the near future.

Many thanks and kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kobie Brand', with a stylized, flowing script.

Kobie Brand
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