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Attn: Mayor Troy Pickard

Dear Honourable Mayor Pickard

Invitation to the ICLEI: Local Action for Biodiversity (LAB) 2nd International Workshop in Durban, South Africa, 8-10 September 2008

It is our pleasure to cordially invite you and the LAB manager in your City to attend and participate in the second Local Action for Biodiversity (LAB) International Workshop, which will take place from 8-10 September 2008 in Durban, South Africa.

The LAB Project is ICLEI's flagship biodiversity initiative and it is an honour for us to extend this invitation to you as leader of only twenty-one pioneer cities across the globe that are participating in the LAB Project. As well as each city presenting their five new biodiversity initiatives, the workshop will be a demonstration of political commitment. Each mayor will have the opportunity to address the workshop participants and included in the workshop programme, is a formal Signing Ceremony of the "Durban Commitment" by Mayors from each of the official LAB cities.

Each of the participating LAB Cities brings unique aspects and inputs to the project, and participation from your City will form an integral part of the workshop. The attendance of your City delegation is thus crucial to the success of this important gathering as we prepare to report back to the ICLEI Council on the LAB Project at the upcoming ICLEI World Congress. We therefore request your presence as political leader of the City of Joondalup. We further request that you nominate either a biodiversity expert within your local government or the person in charge of the LAB project in your City to accompany you to the conference.

The LAB Project will arrange and pay for hotel accommodation for up to 4 nights in Durban and contribute towards a return flight from your city to Durban International Airport in South Africa, for two people from your city, subject to the conditions in the attached Conditions for Accommodation and Travel form.

Please complete the attached registration form and return it to the Conference Company at your earliest convenience and no later than the cut-off date of 1 July 2008.

We are looking forward meeting you in Durban

Kind regards,

His Worship The Mayor
Councillor Obed Mlaba

Attachments

- Registration form
- Conditions for travel and accommodation form
- Overview of LAB Workshop draft Programme (subject to and likely to change)

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