

## Session 17: Climate change response in South African cities and towns

Wednesday 12 November

11h30 – 13h00

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This session will present case studies and learning to date, supported by a panel of four local government representatives. The discussion will focus on how to make local government less vulnerable and more resilient to climate change. This discussion group will showcase best climate change response practices from the South African Cities Network and Local Government. One of the questions would be how to move from a “consumption culture” to ensure a sustainable future for all.

### Key questions:

- Are South Africa’s cities and towns positioned to respond to the impacts of climate change?
- What needs to be done to support and enable South Africa’s cities and town to reduce emissions and build resilience?

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