



AFRICAN MAYORS' ASSEMBLY PROGRAMME: 12-14 JUNE 2025



Day 1	Time	Activity	Responsibility/attendees
	07:30 - 08:45	Welcome tea and registration	All
	08:45 - 09:00	Tshwane Metro Police Department (TMPD) Choir and short Urban20 video	
		Main Plenary	Facilitators: Lukhona Mnguni and Ms Vuyo Zitumane
	09:00 - 09:20	Opening Address	Dr Nasiphi Moya Urban 20 Co-chair & Executive Mayor, City of Tshwane
	09:20 - 09:30	Remarks by Urban20 co-chair	ClIr Dada Morero Urban 20 Co-chair & Executive Mayor, City of Johannesburg
	09:30 - 09:40	Opening statements from U20 convenors	Mr Pablo Fernandez Assistant Secretary-General United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) Mr Kevin Austin Deputy Executive Director C40
	09:40 - 09:50	The meaning of G20 and U20 for South Africa (and by extension the African continental) local governments	ClIr Bheke Stofile South African Local Government Association President
	09:50 - 10:00	Continental viewpoint – stronger collaboration as a success factor for African cities’ development	His Excellency André Nzapayeke Dean of African Diplomatic Corps
	10:00 - 10:10	Expected impact of U20 for Gauteng’s economic development and introduction of the Minister	MEC Tasneem Motara Acting Premier of Gauteng
	10:10 - 10:30	Integration of U20 outcomes into national government agenda	Minister Velenkosini Hlabisa Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs
	10:30 - 11:00	Keynote address on the relevance of African Renaissance in an Urban setting	Dr Nkosazana Dlamini - Zuma Former African Union Chairperson



11:00 - 11:45

Media Briefing session

Plenary Speakers

11:45 - 13:00

Lunch and exhibition walkabout

Session 1: Inclusive Economic Growth

13:00 - 15:30	African cities' preparedness to support SMMEs to participate and benefit from the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA)	Facilitator: Prof Manoel Bittencourt Extraordinary Professor of Economic Growth University of Pretoria
13:00 - 13:10	Ushering everyone to turn the focus on the African Agenda	Cllr Mncedi Ndzwanana Speaker of Council City of Tshwane
13:10 - 13:30	Opening Remarks – setting the scene on key issues to be considered	Dr Nasiphi Moya Executive Mayor of Tshwane
13:30 - 13:50	Think tank perspective on inclusive economic growth	Prof Somadoda Fikeni Chairperson of the Public Service Commission, South Africa
13:50 - 14:00	Provisions of the AfCFTA on the role of municipalities in supporting AfCFTA implementation and dtic/AfCFTA programmes designed to support SMME participation	Mr Calvin Phume Director: Bilateral Trade Department of Trade, Industry & Competition
14:10 - 14:20	Lessons from Mozambique on the launch of their first shipment under the AfCFTA	Hon Manuel de Araujo Mayor of Quelimane Mozambique
14:20 - 14:35	Group photo and comfort break	
14:35 - 14:50	African Cities' role to support SMMEs	Prof Pumela Msweli Chief Executive Officer UNISA School of Business Leadership
14:50 - 15:05	Enhancing the role of SMMEs in regional value chains – United Nations Economic Commission for Africa Southern Africa Office - UNECA support programmes.	Ms. Eunice G. Kamwendo Director: UNECA, Southern Africa (attending virtually)
15:05 - 15:30	Ministerial Address: The role of government in empowering SMMEs to participate in global value chains: how is South Africa supporting SMMEs to participate in the AfCFTA?	Minister Stella Tembisa Ndabeni Department of Small Business



Session 2: Municipal Financing

15:30 - 16:50 Facilitated panel discussion on Financing of Municipal Infrastructure and services

Introduction of the topic

Setting the scene – key aspects of the African Mayors open letter to African Ministers of Finance

Government and private sector collaboration for financing local government: Lessons from the City of Riyadh in Saudi Arabia

Panel: What models can African cities use for Financing Municipal Infrastructure and services?

Panelists to respond to a set of questions

Response from National Treasury of South Africa on financing of issues raised in the letter

Reflections from the South African Presidential Climate Commission on taking forward outcomes of the session for implementation

16:50 - 17:00 Closing Remarks and invitation of guests to events of the evening

Facilitator: Prof Mauricio Rodas

Visiting Professor, University of Pennsylvania / former Mayor of Quito, Ecuador

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Cllr Dada Morero

Executive Mayor of Joburg, South Africa

His Excellency Fahd Abdulmohsen Al Rasheed

Royal Commission for Riyadh City (attending virtually)

Hon Erias Lukwago

Mayor of Kampala, Uganda

Hon Jacob Mafume

Mayor of Harare, Zimbabwe

Cllr Eugene Modise

MMC Finance and Deputy Mayor
City of Tshwane

Ms Camille Chaigneau

Senior Projects Lead for
Municipalities and Urban Development

Mr Alex Mabunda

Group CEO Ntiyiso Consulting

Mr Kamohelo Mothibedi

Principal Deal Originator
Development Bank of Southern Africa

Dr Letsepa Pakkies

Director: Local Government and Fiscal Framework
National Treasury

Ms Dorah Modise

Executive Director
Presidential Climate Commission, South Africa

Ald Nkosindiphile Xhakaza

Executive Mayor of Ekurhuleni, South Africa

17:00 - 20:00 Strategic Networking Cocktail

All delegates

17:00 Guest Arrival (with live band performance)

All / TMPD

Programme Director: Cllr De Brye Willaims - Moses, Section 79 Chairperson of IDP

17:30 - 17:40 Welcome and opening remarks

Cllr Sarah Mabotsa

MMC for Economic Development &
Spatial Planning, City of Tshwane

17:40 - 17:45 Live band curated performance

TMPD

17:45 - 17:50 Words of support by partners

Cllr Lerato Maloka

Mayor of Sedibeng, South Africa

17:50 - 18:00 Message by the host

Cllr Tlangi Mogale

MMC for Roads and Transport, City of Tshwane

18:00 - 18:15 Words of support by co-host

Cllr Nomoya Mnisi

MMC for Economic Development, City of Johannesburg

18:15 - 18:30 Vote of Thanks

Cllr Palesa Modise

MMC for Social & Community Services, City of Tshwane

Session 3: Social Inclusion and Equity

09:00 - 10:45	<p>Facilitated Panel Discussion on Human Settlements</p> <p>Building a sustainable future through inclusive and efficient disaster management</p> <p>Think-tank perspective: what has worked in South Africa in addressing homelessness?</p> <p>Panel: Sustainable Human Settlements What are the most effective preventative measures to stop people from becoming homeless?</p>	<p>Facilitator: Cllr Kholofelo Morodi MMC for Corporate and Shared Services, City of Tshwane</p> <p>Cllr Cyril Xaba Executive Mayor of eThekweni, South Africa</p> <p>Prof Edgar Pieterse Director: African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town</p> <p>Hon Harilala Ramanantsoa Mayor of Antananarivo, Madagascar</p> <p>Hon Ndesihafela Larandja Mayor of Windhoek, Namibia</p> <p>Ald Aaron Maluleke MMC for Human Settlements, City of Tshwane</p> <p>Mr Sithole Mbanga CEO - SALGA</p>
10:45 - 11:00	Tea break	

Session 5: Innovation for Service Delivery

11:00 - 12:45	Launch of the Inter-City Innovation Challenge	<p>Facilitator: Cllr Gillian Pieter National Chairperson Municipal Digital Solutions Working Group - SALGA</p>
11:00 - 11:05	Introducing the objectives of inter-City Innovation Challenge	<p>Ms Monique Griffith Director: Sector Support City of Johannesburg</p>
11:00 - 11:25	<p>Why collaboration through strategic innovation initiatives is essential for sustainable growth of municipalities</p> <p>Partner messages of support, from participating metros (Presentations/Video)</p>	<p>Dr Nasiphi Moya Executive Mayor of Tshwane</p> <p>Cllr Princess Faku Executive Mayor of Buffalo City, South Africa</p> <p>Cllr Eddie Andrews Deputy Mayor of Cape Town, South Africa</p> <p>Ald Nkosindiphile Xhakaza Executive Mayor Ekurhuleni, South Africa</p> <p>Cllr Cyril Xaba Executive Mayor of eThekweni, South Africa</p> <p>Cllr Gregory Nthatisi Executive Mayor of Mangaung, South Africa</p>
11:25 - 11:45		



11:45 - 12:05	The genesis of the collaboration and its relevance in modern day municipal management	Cllr Xola Pakati Deputy President - SALGA
12:05 - 12:15	Official announcement of Inter-City Innovation Challenge statements	Mr Kutlwano Chaba Chief Digital Officer - SALGA
12:15 - 12:20	Message from incubators: The journey to innovation excellence	Mr Bangani Mpangalasane CEO - The Innovation Hub Mr Mark Harris CEO, Wits - Tshimologong Ms Aurelia Albert CEO - Innovate Durban
12:20 - 12:30	Importance of innovation in health	Cllr Tshegofatso Mashabela MMC for Health
12:30 - 12:40	Response from African Mayors on a possible Intra-Africa Innovation Challenge	Hon George Mwanza Mayor of Chipata City, Zambia
12:40 - 12:45	Session Closing Remarks	Cllr Babalwa Lobishe Executive Mayor of Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, South Africa

12:45 - 13:30 Closing Plenary

	High level presentation of key outcomes of Mayors' Assembly and Sherpas meeting	Facilitator: Ms Vuyo Zitumane Tshwane U20 Sherpa
12:45 - 13:00	Key takeaways from the Mayors Assembly	Hon Motlalepula Sepipi Mayor of Maseru, Lesotho
13:00 - 13:05	Key outcomes of the Sherpas Meeting	U20 Convenors
13:05 - 13:15	Next steps towards submission of communique to G20	Mr Zayd Ebrahim Joburg Urban20 Sherpa
13:15	Lunch break End of day 2	



Day 3	Time	Theme – Tshwane Tourism Promotion for Economic Development	Responsibility/attendees
	07:00	Hotel pick up to travel to Dinokeng Game Reserve - Kwalata	All
	08:15 - 08:25	Welcome Address	Cllr Joel Masilela Section 79 Chair of Economic Development & Spatial Planning City of Tshwane
	08:25 - 08:45	Introduction to Dinokeng Game Reserve (Overview of Dinokeng Projects as a Public Private Partnership focusing on sustainability, economic opportunities and social inclusion)	Mr Emmanuel Tshilamulele Deputy Director - Dinokeng Game reserve - Gauteng Department of Economic Development
	08:45 - 10:15	Game drive	All
	10:15 - 11:00	Bush Breakfast	All
	11:00 - 11:30	Game Drive	All
	11:30 -12:45	Lunch at Kwalata Boma	All
	12:45 - 13:30	Depart to Union Buildings	All
	13:30 - 13:45	Arrival at Union Buildings (UNESCO World Heritage Site)	All
	14:00 - 14:15	Welcome Remarks	Deputy Minister Kenneth Morolong Presidency, South Africa
	14:15 - 15:00	Refelction & photo opportunity	All
	15:00	Return to hotels and airport transfers	All

