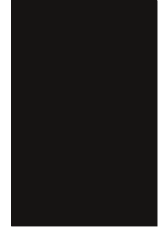


The Republic of South Africa and The Gold Standard Foundation would like to invite you to their co-hosted ministerial side event titled 'Empowering global cities for local climate change action'.



EMPOWERING GLOBAL CITIES FOR LOCAL CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION



Wednesday 7 December 2011 | 13:15 - 14:45
Indwe River Room | Durban Exhibition Centre
(Lunch will be provided)

(Please note that participants of this side event must be registered and in possession of a conference badge in order to access the venue)

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Keynote Address

Ms. Bomo Edna Molewa,
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of the Republic of South Africa

Key Panel Speakers

Panel Chair: Mr. Adrian Rimmer
CEO of The Gold Standard Foundation

Mr. Pravin Jamnadas Gordhan
Minister of Finance of the Republic of South Africa

Mr. Bruno Oberle
State Secretary, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland

Mr. Mpho Parks Tau
Executive Mayor of the City of Johannesburg

Mr. David Cadman
President of ICLEI, Bonn, Germany

This side event will explore the challenges faced by cities wanting to embrace the climate resilient agenda and adopt a low carbon path to development. The event will highlight the role of the political system at international, national and local levels and how these initiatives can be successfully funded through market mechanisms such as climate finance.

The format of this event will consist of a keynote address followed by an interactive panel discussion and Q&A session.