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MMC for Development Planning Cllr Eunice Mgcina urges industry to embrace green way

As nations across the globe observe World Green Building Week from 11 to 15 September 2023, and the City of Johannesburg calls on the local building and construction sector to accelerate the transition to secure an energy efficient, regenerative and just future for all as espoused by the Green Buildings' Councils.

Led by a network of over 75 national Green Building Councils (GBCs) and their 46 000 members, the week-long event will show how, through systems change thinking and leveraging local solutions, the world can transition to sustainable built environments.

Throughout the week, WorldGBC's network will host events across the world and share examples of #BuildingTheTransition across three areas: energy transition, regenerative transition and just transition.

The City of Johannesburg is a member of the C40 and signatory to the C40 climate change, net zero carbon action plan, waste, and air quality declarations as espoused in the Paris Agreement of the Congress of the Parties. C40 is a global network of nearly 100 mayors of the world's leading cities that are united in action to confront the climate crisis.

The Executive Mayor of the City of Johannesburg, Cllr Kabelo Gwamanda, and the Governor of the City of Abidjan, Robert Beugré Mambé, are co-vice Chairpersons of C40.

C40 has 11 members in Africa and they are: Abidjan, Accra, Addis Ababa, Cape Town, Dakar, Dar-es-Salaam, Durban, Johannesburg, Lagos, Nairobi and Tshwane.

The City of Johannesburg's Development Planning Department: BDM: Building Control Sub-unit is the custodian of the application, implementation and administration of the National Building

Regulation and Building Standard Act and the City has been working with C40 on this net-zero carbon trajectory.

The City has approved the Green Building Policy and Net-Zero Carbon Path to mitigate against the devastating effects of climate change.

The City's Green Building Policy, Net-Zero carbon Path and Climate Action Plan attest to its commitment to improving green buildings and showcases the bold plans the City is implementing for the benefit of improving the green buildings programme and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

To achieve net zero objectives, the City ensures that building plans for all new buildings and major refurbishments comply with energy efficiency, climate resilient strategies and applicable legislation.

Buildings remain the biggest consumer of energy, hence green buildings are advocated for. All new buildings within the city must be green building by 2030 and all others by 2050. Achieving this target is commitment that the City will not just pay lip service to but ensure that it is met.

The time to act against climate change is now!

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