



CITY OF JOHANNESBURG
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Joburg unites for cleaner, greener future with launch of Environmental Forum

The MMC for Environment and Infrastructure Services Department (EISD), Cllr Jack Sekwaila, has launched the Greater Johannesburg Environmental Forum in partnership with Pikitup, marking a new era of collaboration between the City and environmental stakeholders.

The Forum brings together 11 local cooperatives from across Johannesburg, each playing an active role in recycling, stream cleaning, and environmental education. Its main goal is to strengthen partnerships, promote sustainable practices, and amplify environmental advocacy throughout the city.

“Today marks a milestone in building a stronger partnership between government and environmental activists,” said MMC Sekwaila. “No government can achieve lasting change on its own. It requires committed partners who share the vision of clean, green, and liveable communities.”

He commended the dedication of environmental groups for filling critical gaps in service delivery — from cleaning streets and conserving water to driving recycling and climate awareness campaigns. “The government depends on an engaged and active citizenry to transform neighbourhoods into thriving spaces where people want to live, work, and play,” he said.

MMC Sekwaila urged departments and the private sector to support the Forum’s work, emphasising that environmental stewardship is a shared responsibility.

The Forum will play an advisory role in environmental and waste management, helping to formalise cooperatives and improve recycling rates. It will also support broader sustainability efforts, including biodiversity management, landfill preservation, and climate change awareness.

“This is a step in the right direction,” Sekwaila added. “It will help educate communities about waste minimisation, responsible waste management, and the importance of keeping Johannesburg clean.”

With the launch of this Forum, Johannesburg is taking a united stand for a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable future.

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