

Drakenstein and Walvis Bay enter municipal working relationship

The Municipalities of Walvis Bay and Drakenstein have been engaged in inter-municipal relationship since 10 November 2010. The two municipal councils have recognized that there are common interests in developing their two cities and overcoming mutual challenges. Through the bond of friendship the two councils have resolved to work together towards the attainment of these objectives.

Both are prepared to respond to the global and local challenges of today. Notwithstanding these challenges, local authorities as creatures of statute are legally mandated with the tasks of rendering services in defined geographical areas. They form the sphere of government which is closest to the people and as such are the most suitable agents for development and growth.

Issues such as stimulating economic development, tackling the lack of adequate shelter and food security, and mitigating the predicaments presented by climate change require our urgent response.

It is within this context that the Walvis Bay and Drakenstein local authorities have begun to create the necessary linkages between the communities in both localities. A number of areas, including but not limited to tourism, skills development, manufacturing, imports and exports, and provision of housing have been identified as vehicles where businesses people in Drakenstein and Walvis Bay can promote cooperation between our various communities.

The number of exchanges between the two municipalities – thus far characterized by official visits – has created the ideal platform for further exchanges between the citizens and business communities themselves.

Therefore these two municipalities appeal to the citizens in both Walvis Bay and Drakenstein to make use of the opportunities that have been identified during the officials visits in order to promote bilateral relations on the one hand, and to improve the living conditions of the people in as many sectors as possible.

The political and administrative leadership in Walvis Bay and Drakenstein hereby commit to keeping the citizens informed of the progress of the relationship and will continue to work hard at strengthening this fraternal bond.



SIGNING AGREEMENT. Signing the joint statement on behalf of Drakenstein (Dr Lourens du Toit) and Walvis Bay (Mayor Derek Klazen). Standing form left are Dr Pravine Naidoo and Cllr Anre Koegelenberg of Drakenstein, and Mr Muronga Haingura of Walvis Bay Municipality.