

CITY OF CAPE TOWN - WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DAY 2024



Participants for World Environmental Health Day 2024

This year to celebrate World Environmental Health Day, the City of Cape Town Municipality took the opportunity to further educate their Environmental Health practitioners on the effects of Climate Change and how it links to Environmental Health. The aim for this year's event was educate the Environmental Health Practitioners so that they are better equipped to educate their communities and raise awareness about the biggest risks and concerns in Environmental Health, and stimulate discussion around the effects of climate change and risk reduction.

A one-day workshop was held, where the City of Cape Town's Environmental Health Practitioners engaged with various stakeholders to discuss this important theme, which includes:

- Focus on the City's and Provincial climate change strategy, climate change impacts on Air Quality, Water Quality and equity, and the practical approach to climate change.
- The Ethical response to Climate Change
- Staff Wellness, awareness and education about the impacts of climate change on health and well-being.
- Advocate for action to support initiatives aimed at disaster risk reduction and climate resilience in the community

The City of Cape Town collaborated with organisations such as:

- The Gift of the Givers is the largest disaster response non-governmental organisation of African origin on the African continent.
- Provincial Government of South Africa Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning – Climate Change Unit
- The V&A Waterfront, which is a mixed-use destination, located in the oldest working harbour in the Southern Hemisphere.

Each organisation listed above, together with the City of Cape Town sister departments such as our Climate Change section and the City Health Department, provided interactive sessions on the effects, practical approaches and action required to addressing Climate Change.

The published media release can be found in the link below

capetown.gov.za/Media-and-news/Hitting the curve of climate change on environmental health

An information leaflet on Environmental Health and Climate Change overview was published and can be downloaded on the link below.

Environmental Health and Climate Change Overview.pdf (capetown.gov.za)

Gift of the Givers Instagram page highlighting their involvement in World Environmental Health Day 2024

https://www.instagram.com/p/DAdaLQGt5P4/?igsh=MTc4MmM1YmI2Ng==

Mpfunzeni Tshindane (Speaker) for Provincial Government –Climate Change –LinkedIn Page on World Environmental Health Day 2024

https://www.linkedin.com/posts/mpfunzeni-tshindane-41105a25_an-absolute-honor-to-be-part-of-the-city-activity-7246857046455668737-4ioe?utm_source=share&utm_medium=member_android