

# Conference Program Eco-Leadership through Culture



Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, City Council Chambers, Durban

## 09.30 - 10.00: Registration

Artist intervention.

Refreshments

## 10.00 - 10.45: Formal opening

Short welcome remarks by representatives of Municipality of Ethekewini and Culture|Futures and the co-organizers in Durban and internationally

Short address by Dr. Rajendra K Pachauri, Chair of International Panel on Climate Change, Director General, Teri (tbc)

Introduction to program

Artist intervention.

## 10.45-12.00: Global Key note:

Peter Head, CBE, Executive Chairman, Ecological Sequestration Trust:

*Entering an Ecological Age - Visioning the future cities & regions and the role of culture in shaping the future*

Peter Head is a world specialist of integrated sustainable development, the founder of the Ecological Sequestration Trust ([www.ecosequestrust.org](http://www.ecosequestrust.org)) and fmr. Director of Global Planning at Arup - one of the world's leading engineering companies. He was named hero of the Environment by Time Magazine in 2009 and is a co-founder of Culture|Futures.

The Ecological Sequestration Trust is a new UK Charity set up to facilitate speedy up-scaling of climate change mitigation and adaptation through the creation of low carbon resource efficient regional demonstration projects, with dissemination of the learning nationally and globally. Target demonstration projects will be in China, India and Africa with follow up projects already being targeted in UK, Australia, New Zealand, Hungary and Small Island States. The first phase of the work is to build an open source GIS based integrated resource planning tool that can be used anywhere in the world to assist low carbon resource efficient planning. Peter Head will be explaining this and how Culture Futures will be part of the project delivery.

Q&A

12.00-13.00 Lunch

## 13.00 - 14.15 African Key note:

Prof. Edgar Pieterse, Director African Centre for Cities:

*The urbanization challenges in Africa and the role of culture in a systemic response*

Prof. Edgar Pieterse is DST/NRF South African Chair in Urban Policy and has 2007 been leading the African Centre for Cities. His research interests include among other urbanization, African urbanism regional development and cultural planning.

The African Centre for Cities (ACC) seeks to facilitate critical urban research and policy discourses for the promotion of vibrant, democratic and sustainable urban development in the global South from an African perspective. Through interdisciplinary research and teaching regarding the dynamics of unsustainable urbanization processes in Africa, ACC has an eye on identifying systemic responses. ACC is based at the University of Cape Town.

## Q & A

14.15 – 14.30 Break and refreshments

### 14.30 - 16.30: Panel discussion:

Eco-leadership through Culture: how can cultural actors & institutions and communities integrate the technical, creative and social dimensions of leadership ?

Panel with different perspectives from Africa and the World:

- Daily practices of cultural institutions: Olaf Gerlach-Hansen (Denmark), director Culture|Future
- Cultural institution perspective in Durban: Nise Mlanga, Director BAT Centre for art & culture and Guy Redman, Deputy head Libraries and Heritage, Ethekewini Municipality (tbc)
- Creative dimension: Representative of EUNIC SA Architecture project (tbc)
- Culture-Nature relation: Imre Kovacs, philosopher (Hungary) (tbc)
- Social dimension: Patrick Bond, Centre for Civil Society (South Africa)
- Liveable cities: Dan Hornweg, Lead Urban Advisor – Climate Change and Cities, World Bank and Philips Centre for Health and Wellbeing

Q&A and discussion with the floor

Artist intervention

Moderator: Peter Head

### 16.30: Formal Closing

Peter Head summarizes deliberations and outcomes

Closing of the conference: Mayor of Ethekewini Municipality, His Worship James Nxumalo (tbc)

Vote of thanks

### 17.00 – 19.00: Social event

Bruno van Dyk, University of Kwazulu-Natal, welcomes all to attend the social event with drinks and snacks.