19th PEP Meeting

May 21-23, 2014

EThekwini Municipality, Durban, South Africa

**Thematical workshop session:**

**Involvement of cities in national mitigation action – experiences with the V-NAMA approach in South Africa**

General objective:

* Exchange lessons learnt between organisations on specific topics
* Inform on well working and failed approaches
* Exchange views on approaches and agree on common messages related to selected approaches
* Provide the floor for networking

Responsible:

GIZ

Specific Objective:

Representatives of South African municipalities/a South African municipality have shared experiences of their involvement in national mitigation actions in the framework of the “vertically integrated NAMA”-project (V-NAMA = Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Action, vertically integrated, from national to local level).

Content:

Sub-national actors, such as provinces and cities, play a significant role in sectors with large greenhouse gas mitigation potentials, such as waste, buildings, and transport. In South Africa, with a multi-level government approach in energy efficiency in the public building sector, German Cooperation supports to tap into this potential by actively involving these sub-national actors in the design and implementation of Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs).

Guiding questions: What is the role of sub-national actors in the planning and implementation of mitigation actions – and how to involve them in the process?

Working Methods:

* Introductory presentation by **Durban Energy Office** and **KwaZulu-Natal Province**
* Moderated discussion, exchange with participants / representatives from other cities/municipalities on the role of cities, success factors, lessons learned

Speakers, Co-organiser Content:

* representative of eThekwini Municipality
* representative of KwaZulu-Natal-Province

Required Equipment: (Pin Board, LCD-Projector, …)