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Media Statement

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City of Joburg achieves back-to-back CDP “A” score listing for climate leadership

The City of Joburg has been recognised by CDP, the global environmental non-profit organisation, for its leadership in transparency and action, securing a place on CDP’s respected annual ‘A’ List.

CDP operates the world’s only independent environmental disclosure system, with over 1,000 cities, states and regions reporting environmental data through in 2025.

Achieving an ‘A’ places Joburg among the leaders demonstrating comprehensive disclosure, mature environmental governance, and meaningful progress towards environmental resilience.

To achieve an A score, a city must meet a series of robust leadership criteria. This includes publicly disclosing environmental data through the CDP-ICLEI Track platform, maintaining a comprehensive city-wide emissions inventory, and publishing a credible climate action plan. Cities must also complete a full climate risk and vulnerability assessment and set a clear climate adaptation goal that outlines how they will address current and future climate hazards.

Many cities on the A List demonstrate additional leadership through actions such as securing formal political commitment from the mayor to advance climate ambition and deliver resilient, low-carbon development.

“We are proud that the City of Johannesburg has yet again achieved an A score in the CDP climate performance rankings,” said Cllr Dada Morero, Executive Mayor of Johannesburg. “This back-to-back recognition reflects our ongoing commitment to climate transparency, resilience and sustainability as core pillars of our urban development agenda. It demonstrates that through innovative planning, collective action and accountable governance, Joburg continues to lead on climate action for the benefit of our residents and future generations.”

Sherry Madera, CEO of CDP, said: *“Cities play a decisive role in shaping a resilient and earth-positive future. When local governments commit to transparent disclosure, robust climate planning and clear adaptation strategies, they not only protect their communities but also unlock opportunities for innovation and sustainable growth. Their leadership shows how data-driven climate action can strengthen both people and the planet.”*

With about 83 % of cities worldwide facing significant climate hazards such as flooding, extreme heat and drought, data is key to supporting future planning and local governments already recognize the importance of disclosing data as it helps drive collaboration to deliver solutions and foster a resilient and positive future.

The City undertakes to improve on its data collection efforts, forge implemental strategic climate actions, and forge meaningful partnerships backed by strong political leadership to help accelerate implementation. The City undertakes to continue with it's commitment to report on the CDP platform.

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About CDP

CDP is a global non-profit that runs the world's only independent environmental disclosure system. As the founder of environmental reporting, we believe in transparency and the power of data to drive change. Partnering with leaders in enterprise, capital, policy and science, we surface the information needed to enable Earth-positive decisions. We helped more than 24,800 companies and almost 1,000 cities, states and regions disclose their environmental impacts in 2024. Financial institutions with more than a quarter of the world's institutional assets use CDP data to help inform investment and lending decisions. Aligned with the ISSB's climate standard, IFRS S2, as its foundational baseline, CDP integrates best practice reporting standards and frameworks in one place.

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