

City of Cape Town Annual State of Environment Report

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South Africa**

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Cape Town - Current Reality

- 3.1 million residents
- 50% of residents aged 26 years or younger
- HIV/AIDS effect (9%) more significant in future
- 240 000 families in need of housing
- Average unemployment rate of 20%
- Local government restructuring



City of Cape Town - Vision

- A **sustainable** city
- A dignified city
- An accessible city
- A credible city
- A competent city
- A safe and caring city
- A prosperous city

Policy Framework

- Integrated Metropolitan Environmental Policy (IMEP) - first environmental policy for Cape Town
- Sectoral strategy development - air quality
 - energy
 - coastal zone
 - environmental education
 - biodiversity

Reporting Opportunities

- Annual State of Environment (SoE) Reporting
- Reporting on the Built, Natural and Socio-economic environments
- 14 themes with 113 indicators
- Four years (1998 -2001)
- Only City in South Africa to have four consecutive years of SoE reporting

Future

- State of City Reporting
- User Needs Assessment
- Impact of SoE reporting
on decision-making
- Index development

Conclusion

- Large city with many developmental challenges but a sound and sustainable reporting system

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