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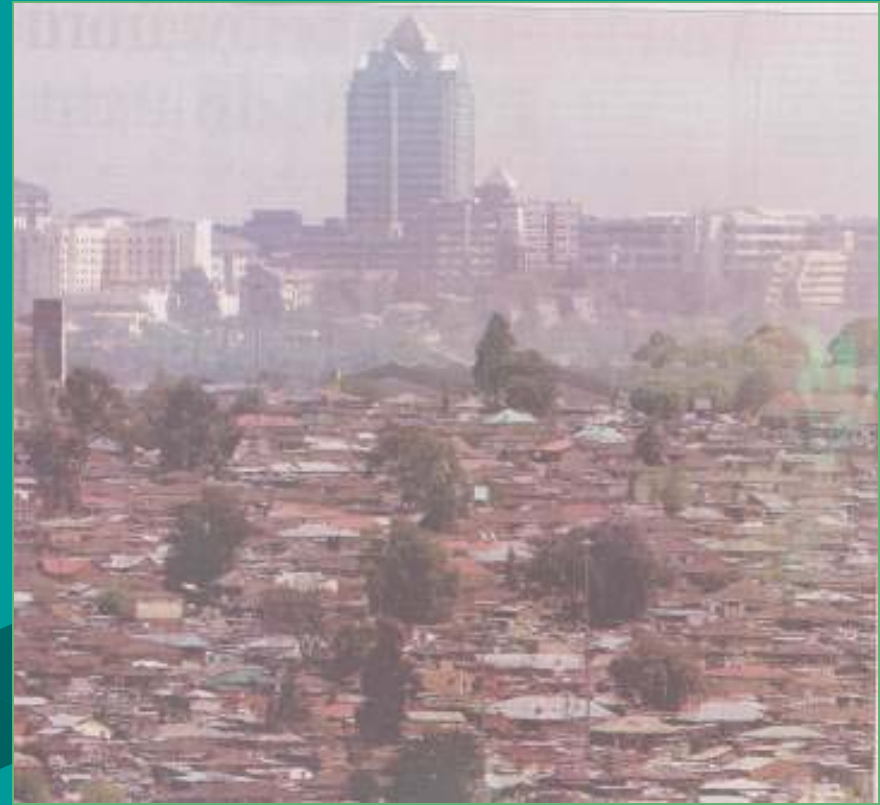
Experiences of South African Local Government Promoting Climate Protection

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ICLEI Cities for Climate Protection Campaign

- Launched in South African in 2001
- Active for the Last 5 Years
- Jointly funded by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT) and the U.S. Agency for International Development



CCP in South Africa

Buffalo City	Polokwane
Cape Town	Potchefstroom
eKurhuleni	Saldanha Bay
eThekweni	Sol Plaatje
Johannesburg	Tshwane
Manguang	



So What Did they Say?

- International Conferences
- The New Position on the Organization Chart
- Demonstrations, Demonstrations
- Youth - The Catalysts for Change
- Local Environmental Bylaws
- The Logical Argument
- The Right Thing to Do

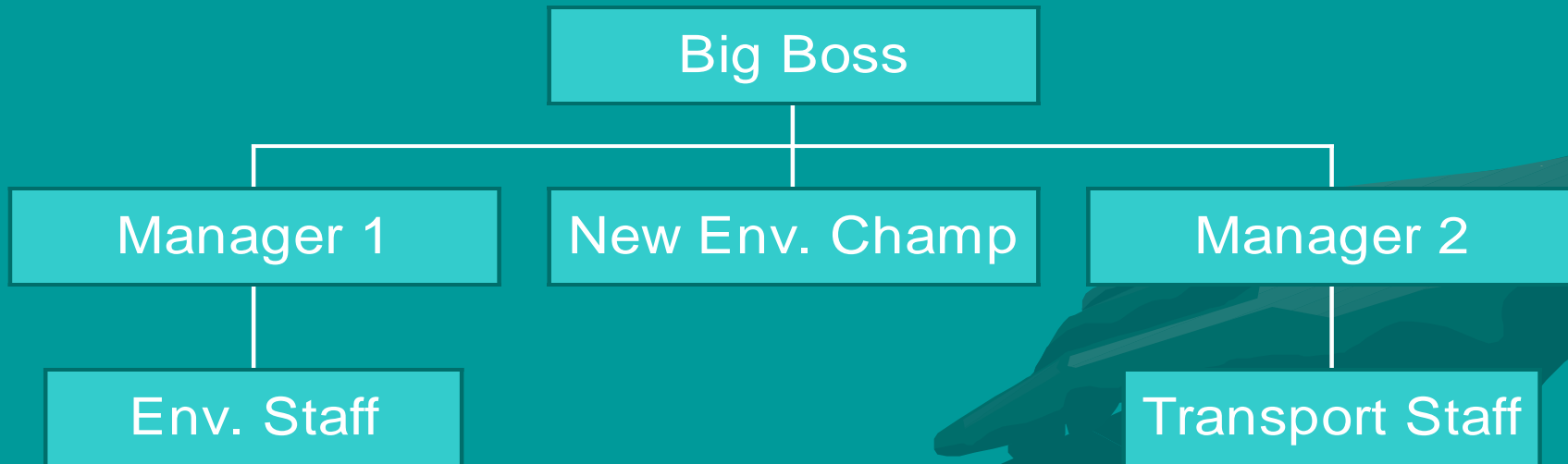


International Conferences

- ICLEI World Congress in Greece (2003)
- Environmental Conference in Mexico (2004)
- World Summit for Sustainable Development in South Africa (2002)
- Municipal Leaders Summits



The New Position on the Organization Chart



- Focused
- High level to champion ideas
- Cross-cutting influence

Demonstrations, Demonstrations

	Building Energy Efficiency	Streetlight Retrofits	LPG Conversion	Solar Thermal	Air Quality Monitoring Equipment	Non-Motorized Transport
Cape Town	X	X	X	X	X	X
eKurhuleni	X		X			
eThekwini	X					
Johannesburg	X		X			
Manguang					X	
Potchefstroom		X	X			X
Saldanha Bay				X		
Sol Plaatje		X	X			
Tshwane	X	X				

Demonstrations, Demonstrations



Photo: Courtesy the City of Cape Town

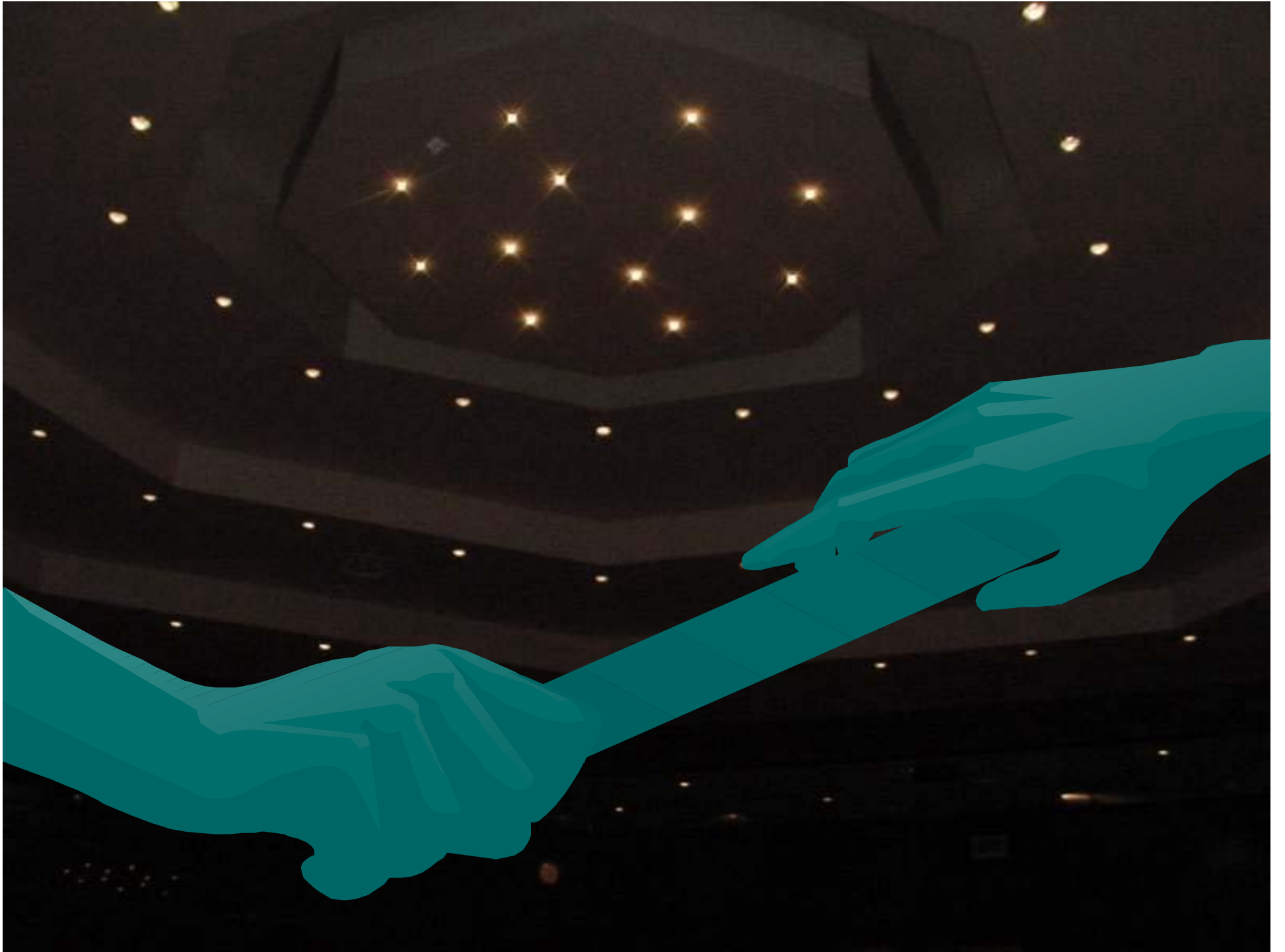


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Demonstrations, Demonstrations



Youth - The Catalysts for Change



Activities:

- School environment clubs
- Environmental audits in schools
- School Climate Change Competitions
- Junior Counselors
- Tree planting/greening at schools



Local Environmental Bylaws



- Energy efficient building policies
- Water conservation bylaws
- Green bylaws
- Air quality bylaws
- State of Energy and Env. reports
- Energy strategies



Local Environmental Bylaws

Patch call for GREENER governance

We, the representatives of local governments worldwide, are convinced that local governments are an effective vehicle to implement and drive sustainability programmes in order to reduce the ecological footprints of our cities and to improve the quality of life.

Therefore we pledge to maximise our efforts to:

- identify local sustainability issues
- include these issues on the political agenda
- introduce sustainability programmes into our cities and communities.

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The Logical Argument

- Cost Savings
- Energy Savings
- Measured Reductions in Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Economic Potential i.e. Tourists
- Risk Assessments



The Right Thing to Do

South African Constitution (Bill of Rights):

Everyone has the right:

- to an environment that is not harmful to their health or well-being; and
- to have the environment protected, for the benefit of present and future generations, through reasonable legislative and other measures that:
 - prevent pollution and ecological degradation;
 - promote conservation; and
 - secure ecologically sustainable development and use of natural resources while promoting justifiable economic and social development.



The Right Thing to Do

- Appeal to Conscience and What is Right for Future Generations
- Environmental Equity
- Refuse to De-link Sustainability and Development
- Global Responsibility (Africa solutions to Global Issues)
- Local Responsibility (National Environmental Management Act requirements)



The Secret of the Corner House

- The House where neighbors deposit their trash for collection



Thanks!!!

