



NEWSLETTER December 2011

Feedback on Recent Events

COP17/ CMP7

The 17th Conference of the Parties (COP17) and the 7th session of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP7) took place in Durban during December 2011. 190 countries came together to discuss the current status of global climate change and the challenges that exist. The major outcome of the conference was to extend the previous commitment period of Kyoto Protocol between the parties, to design a Green Climate Fund and an order to get all countries to sign legal agreement on climate change by 2015.

For further information, please contact: Laurie Coyle-Dowling (laurie@bmanalysts.com).

Workplace Wellness Programme

The DCC HIV & AIDS Programme has been renamed and will in future be known as the "DCC Workplace Wellness Programme". At the final Champions Forum meeting for 2011 it was decided to expand the scope of the Programme and the 'big six' was identified to form part of the Programme going forward, and not to focus solely on HIV & AIDS. The 'big six' that will be incorporated as part of the activities of the Programme is HIV & AIDS, hypertension, diabetes, tuberculosis, depression and alcohol & drug dependency.

For further information, please contact: Terry Govender (terry@bmanalysts.com).

Planned Activities

Locational Competitiveness

A member firm has expressed concerns regarding the closure of Bulbul Drive landfill site. The site, which closed down in November, was one of the two landfill sites in the Durban Metropolitan area that could accommodate low hazard waste. As a result, disposable costs have tripled with the use of a new service provider and has increased lead time up to 72 hours.

This is a major threat to the Durban Chemicals Industry. A meeting between the KZN Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa (IWMSA) committee, a Durban Solid Waste (DSW) representative and all the affected parties in the DCC is scheduled to take place early next year. If you will be affected by these changes we encourage you to attend. We need to ensure that we have as many industry representatives as possible.

For further information, please contact: Jason Stevens (jason@bmanalysts.com).



Co-ordinated Social Economic Development (SED)

The DCC is investigating a social economic development initiative whereby a mathematics and science program will be run at a local school. This initiative will provide support for the development of students in maths and science. The program will provide additional tutorial lessons through a dedicated teacher to matrics who show potential in these subjects.

Quotes have been received from potential program facilitators to run the co-ordinated SED program which will be presented to the transformation TSC at the first meeting of 2012. A decision will be made as to whether such an initiative is feasible, whether there is an interest to support such a program and which program facilitator will run the program. This initiative is expected to roll out in January 2012.

For further information, please contact: Jason Stevens (jason@bmanalysts.com).

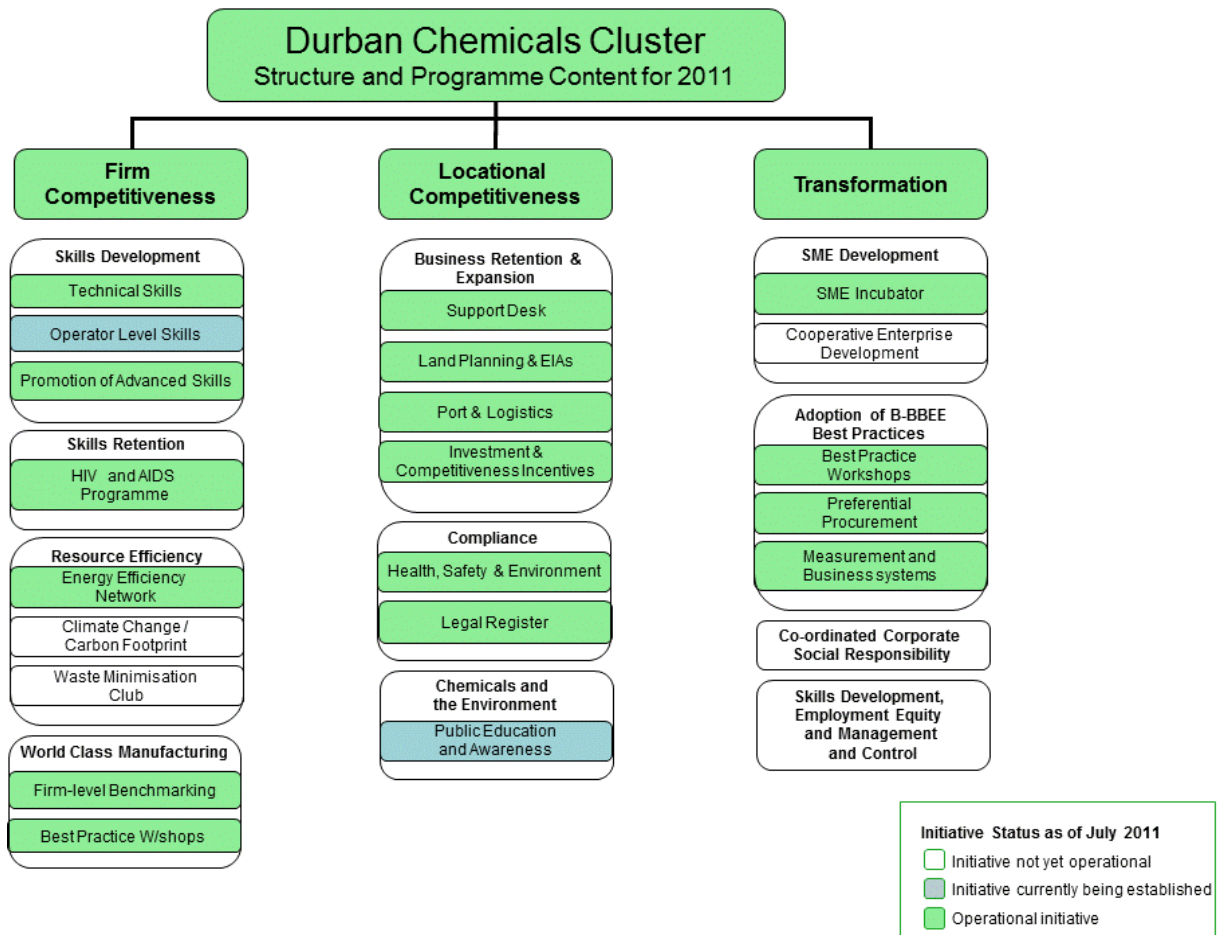
Technical Assistance

The DCC would like the participation and interaction between industry and our knowledge institutions to continue. We would like companies to become aware of the various departments, expertise, equipment and facilities at both the School of Chemistry and the School of Chemical Engineering at UKZN that would be of particular interest to the various local chemical firms. If firms could identify internal technical issues that could be solved by tertiary students and institutions, this will assist in the knowledge spill over and maintain sustainable development of industry. As University Departments are finalising preparations for this year, firms are eagerly requested to put forward their queries as soon as possible.

For further information, please contact: Laurie Coyle-Dowling (laurie@bmanalysts.com).

DCC Programme

The schematic below provides an updated overview of the DCC programme, as at July 2011.



African Industry News Articles and Pieces

SOUTH AFRICA INFLATION RISKS ON UPSIDE, RECOVERY HESITANT

SOURCE: Business Week

23/11/2011

ASIA TO IMPORT LESS OIL FROM WEST AFRICA

SOURCE: Business Day

28/11/2011

SASOL FIRST-HALF EARNINGS TO RISE AT LEAST 45% ON OIL, RAND

SOURCE: BusinessWeek

29/11/2011

PANCONTINENTAL TO RAISE \$15 MLN FOR AFRICA EXPLORATION

SOURCE: Reuters Africa

01/12/2011

GAS EXPLORATION IN SOUTH AFRICA TO YIELD FRUITFUL RESULTS

SOURCE: Creamer Media's Mining Weekly

02/12/2011

MAJOR FIRMS SELL STAKES IN TWO NIGERIAN OIL BLOCKS

SOURCE: AFP

01/12/2011

MALAYSIA EYES AFRICA FOR PALM OIL MARKETS GROWTH

SOURCE: Reuters Africa

07/12/2011

OIL RICH SOUTH SUDAN TO LAUNCH ITS ECONOMIC PITCH

SOURCE: Reuters Africa

14/12/2011

Regular News Updates

News updates on the chemicals sector from Europe, North America and Australasia from August, as well as from Africa for previous months, are available at www.bmanalysts.com