

Monday, 15 July 2013, JHB, Gauteng, SA.

Attention: All news editors

Re: Press conference of the SA Cities Network Board of Directors meeting with their international counterparts, chaired by Clr Parks Tau, Mayor of Joburg.

A press briefing will be held today at the Sandton Hilton at 4pm, following a meeting between the SA Cities Network- which comprises several Executive Mayors from some of South Africa's largest metropolitan areas – and members of the Board of Metropolis.

Metropolis is a global network of cities from around the world comprising of mayors, city managers and key decision makers and this week (16 to 19 July 2013) hosts its annual meeting for the first time in Africa.

This week's conference, with the theme "Caring Cities", examines global strategies on issues such as food resilience, engaging citizens, creating a greener and safer city, social cohesion and urban renewal.

These and other topics will be discussed in today's meeting between the two parties as well as looking into a more affective working partnership. It is anticipated that some major announcements will be made following this meeting.

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