



Gauteng Climate Innovation Centre (CIC)

Supporting Green Jobs for a Green Economy

CONFERENCE INVITATION

Designing a Climate Innovation Center (CIC) in Gauteng

Accelerating clean technology innovation and entrepreneurship in South Africa

Thursday, 6 October 2011 (8:30 AM – 5:00 PM)

The Innovation Hub, 1 Mark Shuttleworth Street, Pretoria

Introduction

The Innovation Hub Management Company (Pty) Ltd (TIHMC), a subsidiary of Blue IQ Investment Holdings (Pty) Ltd, on behalf of the Gauteng Provincial Government's Department of Economic Development (DED) is working with *infoDev*, a public-private partnership in the World Bank Group, to develop a Climate Innovation Centre (CIC) for Gauteng. The CIC will provide financing and other services to help South Africa pro-actively – and profitably – develop, transfer and deploy advanced climate-smart technologies that meet local needs.

The CIC will help achieve the Gauteng province's and the country's **"New Growth Path"** objectives of job creation, industrial development and improved environmental performance and shift to a **"Green Economy"** in line with Gauteng Province's Green Economy Strategy. (The attached flyer describes the Gauteng CIC in greater detail.

Conference Registration and Outcomes

The Innovation Hub and the World Bank will hold a conference to gather selected stakeholders to help design the CIC. We will present the CIC concept, our analysis of particular circumstances in South Africa in this area, and seek input from all relevant actors who well understand the climate technology ecosystem and the needs of South Africa. The conference will be held all-day on 6 October 2011 at The Innovation Hub Conference Venue in Pretoria.

Relevant stakeholders include:

- Private sector companies involved in South African climate sector
- Government officials
- University and other scientific researchers
- Domestic and international financiers in the clean tech space
- International climate technology experts
- Multilateral and bi-lateral development finance organizations
- Sustainability and climate focused media and NGOs
- Environmental legal experts

Conference outcomes will materially affect the design of CIC scope, scale and range of financing and other services.

RSVP and Registration

Conference registration is free and we welcome all informed participation. If you would like to attend, please email: cic@theinnovationhub.com, with a description of your organization's activities and interest in the "green economy". **Kindly please advise of any special dietary requirements.** Please see attached flyer for the Gauteng CIC, the Draft Agenda and directions for the venue.