CIVIC TRANSITIONS FOR INCLUSIVE CLIMATE ACTION

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Climate Literacy Training for CBO Representatives



SECTION 01

Background

Civic Transitions for Inclusive Climate Action (CTICA) is a European Union-funded project implemented by Democracy Works Foundation (DWF) under its Climate, Environment, and Resource Governance (CERG) Programme. The project strengthens inclusive climate and energy governance by building the capacity of community-based organisations (CBOs), municipalities and Independent Power Producers (IPPs) to participate meaningfully in the Just Energy Transition (JET).

Climate literacy provides an essential foundation for informed community participation. The proposed training will help CBO representatives understand climate change, recognise its implications for their communities and connect climate considerations with their organisations' existing work.

SECTION 02

Purpose and Objectives

The training aims to strengthen CBO representatives' understanding of climate change and their confidence in communicating its relevance to the communities they represent.

Drawing on the climate literacy components of the CTICA curriculum, the objectives are to:

- Build understanding of climate change, including its causes, the role of greenhouse gases and the relationship between fossil fuel use and global warming.
- Identify local climate impacts and their implications for livelihoods, health, water, food security and community wellbeing.
- Distinguish between climate change adaptation and mitigation, using practical community examples.
- Introduce renewable energy and explain its relationship with climate change mitigation and the Just Energy Transition.
- Explore climate justice, including why climate impacts and transition risks affect different groups unequally.
- Help participants identify ways to incorporate climate awareness into their organisations' activities and share learning within their communities.

Delivery will use participatory exercises, local examples, group discussions and reflection. Facilitation will accommodate different literacy levels and encourage meaningful participation by women, young people, persons with disabilities and other marginalised groups.

SECTION 03

Workshop Details

TABLE 1 **Workshop schedule**

Date	Province	Target municipality or focus area
Tuesday, 24 November 2026	Mpumalanga	eMalahleni Local Municipality
Thursday, 26 November 2026	Mpumalanga	Steve Tshwete Local Municipality
Tuesday, 1 December 2026	Gauteng	Rand West City Local Municipality
Tuesday, 1 December 2026	Limpopo	Lephalale Local Municipality
Thursday, 3 December 2026	Gauteng	City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality
Thursday, 3 December 2026	Limpopo	Sekhukhune

The training will strengthen climate literacy among 72 representatives from 36 CBOs. By connecting climate concepts with everyday community experiences, it will help participating organisations integrate climate awareness into their work and support informed discussion within their communities.

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