

GBCSA congratulates Tshwane on lighting the path to sustainable cities

The Green Building Council South Africa (GBCSA) congratulates the City of Tshwane on winning the Africa leg of the Earth Hour City Challenge for its consistent green policies.

The Earth Hour City Challenge, a collaborative effort between WWF and ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability – aims to mobilise action by and support from cities in the global transition towards a sustainable energy future.

Brian Wilkinson, CEO of GBCSA, says: 'The GBCSA is extremely proud of its association, through the Green Buildings Leadership Network, with the City of Tshwane. Always showing true leadership in its approach towards building sustainable cities and communities, we are heartened to hear that this metro has been recognised as the greenest city in Africa by an initiative as respected as the Earth Hour City Challenge.'

'This achievement reinforces the urgent need to design cities that create nurturing, regenerative, and meaningful environments that allow the city, its citizens, and the natural landscape to thrive. Local governments and other stakeholders looking to adopt the same principles as Tshwane will be interested to hear that building collaborative communities in sustainable cities is a major theme at our annual Green Building Convention, to be held at the Sandton Convention Centre from 25 to 29 July 2016,' concludes Wilkinson.