

Transformative Riverine Management Programme

The programme aims to upscale river management within the eThekweni Municipality to improve biodiversity, enhance climate change adaptation and create job and skills development opportunities. The Enviro-champs apply the Amanzi Ethu Nobuntu “citizen science” process for water quality and public space monitoring, data collection and reporting, community education and interventions, including alien clearing, solid waste removal, flood attenuation and wetland improvement and food garden irrigation. The programme is currently implemented in 19 initial precincts with teams of 12 Enviro-champs. Communities can get involved through the Change Projects initiated by the EnviroChamps in their precincts, such as turning illegal dumpsites into vegetable gardens; recycling of waste material; sending off waste to beneficiation and buy-back centres to reduce overloading landfill sites. Participating in the environmental educational, household visits and clean-up campaigns would benefit the communities.

Amongst others, this programme contributes to achieving the following Sustainable Development Goals:



The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are an urgent call for action by all countries - developed and developing - in a global partnership. They recognize that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth – all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests.

For further information about the SDGs, please visit <https://strathub.durban.gov.za/pages/sdgs> or email Nevana.Srikissoon@durban.gov.za