

Curriculum Vitae: Dawn Carol McCarthy

Nationality	South African
Education	<p>B.Sc. Town and Regional Planning (1976-1981) University of the Witwatersrand.</p> <p>Municipal Management Development Programme (2010/11) NMMU Business School (Graduated with distinction and top student award)</p> <p>Integrated Environmental Management Course (November / December 1991) University of Cape Town – Graduate School of Business</p> <p>Completion of training for Municipal Finance Management Programmes (MFMP)</p>
Languages	English (fluent), Afrikaans (fair)
Membership of professional bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registered as a Professional Planner with the South African Council for Planners- Registration number 217143

Employment record

August 2023 - current	Senior Associate OneWorld Sustainable Investments
October 2014 – July 2023	Senior Director: Strategic Planning and Coordination in the Office of the Chief Operating Officer Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality
October 2003- October 2014	Senior Director: Land Planning and Management Human Settlements Directorate of the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Municipality.
1996 - October 2003	Assistant Chief Town Planner: Town Planning Division Port Elizabeth Municipality/ Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Municipality - City Engineer's Department
1995-1996	Graduate Town Planner Port Elizabeth City Engineer's Department- Informal Settlements Division
1986- 1993	Assistant Director: Town Planning, Senior Town Planner- Principal Planner Sandton Town Council
1982-1984	Town Planner/ Senior Town Planner Germiston Town Council

Relevant professional experience

July 2023 - November 2023	<p>– Technical Assistance to the Cities Support Programme (CSP): Climate Resilience Projects Strengthening Intergovernmental Coordination Government Technical Advisory (GTAC), South African National Treasury</p> <p>Senior Technical Analyst</p> <p>The CSP seeks to improve climate resilience and urban governance of South Africa's eight metros. This project focuses on designing and implementing adaptive processes and</p>
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capacities for establishing and maintaining partnerships for climate resilience, renewable energy, disaster risk management, and climate finance across targeted metros. This includes supporting the partnerships, and co-creation of flexible governance strategies for improving public sector service delivery to enhance metros' climate resilience.

The OneWorld team is supporting and strengthening intergovernmental coordination to identify, agree and deliver on municipal reforms needed to strengthen the intergovernmental system (policy, institutional and fiscal) for climate resilience and sustainability in the identified project(s); and provide technical, and programme support to the climate resilience component of the project. Responsibilities include:

Energy component

Integral part of the OneWorld team working with stakeholders to develop a series of credible scenarios for local governments in South Africa to mitigate against unpreparedness for certain futures but also to enhance the possibilities of a just transition particularly in the context of high poverty, low employment and inequity. A particular challenge we are grappling with is the capacity of local government to deal with the challenges.

Human Settlements Climate Change Strategy component

Worked on informing and co-crafting the Strategy for the National Department of Human Settlements. This has involved having to understand the needs, capacity and relationships at all spheres of government. An important aspect is understanding the capacity of government to implement policies and strategy and to ensure the strategy is practical, implementable and compatible with government capacity and culture.

Kaalspruit component

The Kaalspruit Project has involved working with National Treasury City Support Programme and the world Bank to bring government actors, stakeholders and three critical local authorities together to develop a sustainable plan of action for ensuring the Kaalspruit River Catchment management is improved. In particular, contributed through my understanding of local government plans, processes, and capacity issues as well as the interconnectedness of government roles and responsibilities.

April 2023 – March 2025

Analysing the Climate Adaptation Needs and State of Readiness in Three Primary Sectors – Agriculture, The Built Environment and Water

National Economic & Development Labour Council (NEDLAC)/Presidential Climate Commission (PCC)

Senior Technical Analyst

Analysis of three primary sectors (water, built environment, agriculture) to assess adaptation needs and sector readiness. Tasks include: institutional and sectoral reviews; a synthesised report to develop priority recommendations to accelerate climate adaptation interventions in each sector; stakeholder consultations, centred around a continuous socialisation processes to gain consensus on adaptation actions for each sector.

Responsibilities include research, synthesis and analysis of available information and inputs leading to strategy recommendations particularly for the built environment sector which requires an in depth understanding of the built environment from a policy, legislative, development, governance and funding perspective

October 2014 – July 2023

Strategic Planning and Coordination In the Office of the Chief Operating Officer

Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality

Senior Director

This position was a newly created position created to organise strategic planning in the municipality and establish a single organizational strategic planning function. The function is to develop major strategic planning instruments to guide development of the built environment and to ensure consistency, alignment, and mutual reinforcement of all strategic plans and to guide municipal strategic planning systems. It further attempts to ensure

integration between major planning instruments and provide technical oversight of planning and monitoring, evaluation and data analysis required for City operations and development.

Responsibilities included:

- Preparation of the Long-Term Growth and Development Plan.
- Preparation of the annually required Built Environment Performance Plans for submission to National Treasury and Urban Network strategy for the NMBM- 2015.
- Researched and developed substantial portions of Integrated Development Plans.
- Manage and chair multi sectoral teams for driving the integration of the built environment, Catalytic land Development Programmes, capital budget expenditure, Urban Settlements Development Grant, and Integrated Public Transport turnaround.
- Coordinator for the Strategic Planning Steering Committee which is a Political/Administrative body to ensure strategic planning led budgeting processes and alignment of strategic plans. Requires navigation of the strategic planning dilemmas and reporting for the City, including budgets.
- Responsible for advising the Appeal Authority on Appeals against decisions taken by the Municipality in terms of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act.
- Nelson Madela Bay Municipality Network leader for the SA German Cities Network.

February 2014 - July 2023 City Support Programmes (Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan Municipality)
South African National Treasury

City Support Coordinator

These programmes cover fiscal, transportation, climate change, housing, governance, economic, planning and institutional areas and aim to enhance the competency of the city to play its National Role in the country economy and development as a Metropolitan Municipality.

City Support Programme Coordinator for all the CSP programmes in the municipality of Nelson Mandela Bay. This included identifying the need for and developing some of the programmes/projects with National Treasury, institutionalising the programmes and coordinating their implementation as well as playing a direct role in the results. Programmes included projects in the following areas, climate change adaptation, fiscal and financial aspects, strategy, planning and development, economic development, housing and governance

January 1998 - July 2023 Nelson Mandela Bay / Gothenburg Partnership
Swedish International Centre for Local Democracy

Nelson Mandela bay (formerly Port Elizabeth) Project developer and coordinator for the Nelson Mandela Bay / Gothenburg Partnership.

Identification, preparation, implementation, and technical management of project proposals for funding from ICLD on behalf of SIDA. This was done jointly with City of Gothenburg counterparts. The partnership while I was Project Coordinator was identified by the funder as the most successful partnership they had ever had. It was used as a best practice example for other partnerships in Africa and elsewhere.

October 2003- October 2014 Human Settlements Directorate of the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan Municipality

Senior Director: Land Planning and Management

Responsible for the following at metropolitan scale:

- Strategic Town Planning and Projects.
- Land Use Management.
- Spatial Development Frameworks.
- Municipal land asset management and transactions including sales and leases.



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- Building Control and Management-including advertising.
 - Social Housing/municipal housing schemes.
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January 2002 - Development of the Sustainable Community Planning Methodology
December 2005 Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality

Project team leader

Now key to NMBM IDP and Spatial Development Framework. Presented at the World leadership forum in London in 2005. The project won a World Leadership Award in the Town Planning category. The methodology was extensively promoted as a “best practice” by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) in Africa, China, and India. I have presented it at several forums and conferences both nationally and internationally.

Publications and Conference Papers (selected)

Sustainable Communities Methodology – Planning Guide. Booklet

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International Presentations

Presenter at the German Congress of Cities in Jena Germany September 2023- Side event “Housing for All”- Presentation title “Planning for Marginalised Neighbourhoods.

Presenter at Dar Es Salaam on Best City Partnership Practice for Swedish International Centre for Local Democracy. (September 2019)

Co - Presenter at the Sustainable African Cities Conference- Accra Ghana- September 2018 on Planning and development of Nelson Mandela Bay and Halle Saale in Germany. (July 2018)

Presenter of Planning and the Sustainable Community Planning Methodology at two World Urban Forum sessions in Vancouver (2006), Stockholm, (and attended Nanjing 2008) as part of the Swedish International Co-operation Agency representation.