

**CANADA-AFRICA STUDY TOUR/CITY TO CITY COOPERATION MISSION KENYAN REPORT:  
TORONTO AND KITCHENER WATERLOO CITIES 12<sup>th</sup> –16<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2006.**

---

**MISSION OBJECTIVES**

**OVERALL GOALS OF STUDY VISIT**

- To strengthen the Safer Cities Initiatives in Africa
- Share information, experiences and skills between Canadian and African Cities on urban safety and crime prevention practices.
- Promote City to City cooperation frameworks for Safer Cities Initiatives

**OBJECTIVES OF NAIROBI SAFER INITIATIVE STUDY VISIT**

- To strengthen the Safer Nairobi Initiative
- To share and learn approaches to institutionalisation of the Safer Nairobi Initiative (SNI) within the mainstream of the City Council
- To strengthen understanding of a sustainable Safer Cities approach in the context of good governance and community mobilization.
- To strengthen understanding of empowered local approaches and partnerships in crime prevention.
- To share experiences on approaches related to integrated relationships of local and central government in crime prevention
- To build networks with African and Canadian cities in urban safety and crime prevention.

**BACKGROUND**

As with all other modern large urban areas, Nairobi has a large number of urbanization challenges, of which crime is a central component. The city has been making efforts to address this challenge through a variety of initiatives, the most significant of which has been the development of an integrated urban safety approach dubbed 'The Safer Nairobi Initiative' which dates back to April 2000. This Initiative aims to promote a culture of crime prevention, strengthen local capacities and develop strong partnerships to address urban crime and violence anchored in the city of Nairobi and later to be replicated to other major towns in Kenya. The initiative is coordinated by City Council of Nairobi but administered through defined Structures and authorised mandates such as Steering Committee, Consultative Committee, and Coordinators with technical support from UN-Habitat and UNDP and other agencies.

The 'Safer Nairobi Initiative', based on a citywide crime survey, resulted in the development of the Citywide Crime Prevention and Urban Safety Strategy that was adopted by City Council of Nairobi in 2005.

The strategy involves a two-year action plan based on the following four pillars:

- Better enforcement of existing laws and by-laws
- Improved urban design and environment
- Support of groups at risk: Social oriented measures aimed at providing support to groups at risk including children, youth, women and street families
- Community empowerment

### Major Activities of the Initiative

- ❑ A local diagnosis of insecurity: crime victimization survey, youth offender profile and violence against women study.
- ❑ A local safety and action plan formulated, adopted and under implementation.
- ❑ The establishment of an inter-departmental committee on Safety and Security within the city council spearheaded by the Mayor.
- ❑ Safety Audits conducted in key locations across the city
- ❑ Launch of Safer Spaces (two pilot projects on space upgrading at Jeevanjee Gardens and at Kibera Siranga Village) and Streets Campaign
- ❑ Formulation of quarterly news letter on city safety and security update the 'Salama' Newsletter
- ❑ Establishment of local coordinating team and office within the City
- ❑ Progressive development of action oriented partnerships and Broad based Stakeholders consultations and review for crime prevention
- ❑ Training, exchange visits and exposure local and international tours city officers and councillors on crime prevention,
- ❑ Lighting up Nairobi slums and streets by City Council of Nairobi and partners.

The city of Nairobi has enhanced its beauty and restored its infrastructure within the CBD. With adequate lighting and repainted buildings. This is a necessary step towards encouraging more social interaction of residents as they now enjoy enhanced feelings of safety as they commute to various transport nodes in the city. Neighbourhood associations have also been formed in many residential areas to handle local security issues, among other local level needs.

### ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

Representatives of the Nairobi and Dar es Salaam Safer Cities Initiatives undertook study tour of the Toronto and Kitchener Waterloo cities in Canada on 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

- **Activities and Meetings:** Lessons learnt:  
Meetings and activities were very useful.
  - Community policing: People friendly, streamlined and enhanced police and local partnerships approaches
  - Enhanced private sector such as Business Community involvement in safe urban design and general management of public spaces
  - Comprehensive and friendly reintegration programmes for groups at risk i.e. children, youth and the elderly in areas of counselling, human rights, provision of basic needs and skills.
  - None punitive/Alternative forms of justice for youths and delinquency
  - A Successful/Strengthened horizontal and vertical institutionalised arrangement for collaboration by various actors at all levels either formally and informally.
- **Pre-World Urban Forum Event on Safer Cities on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2006:** Kenya gave a presentation on Study Tour Feedback outlining areas of cooperation: Capacity Building, development and execution of social and community programmes and infrastructure, institutional arrangement and partnership building and management, environmental design and developments of public spaces and resource Mobilization.
- Safer Nairobi Initiative in principle agreed to work together and support the objectives of the safer cities initiative between city to city at all levels i.e. locally, regionally and internationally.

## **FOLLOW UP ACTION**

- Identification of key urban safety and crime prevention concerns and priority areas for individual country project.
- Proposal of mechanisms and scope for technical City to City cooperation; twinning and networking
- Action Plan for Cooperation indicating the key actors: country and specific persons at UN HABITAT and Nairobi Safer Cities PCO, so as to turn the ideas into action.

## LIST OF CONTACTS

### TORONTO CITY

1. Arnold Minor: Community Safety Secretariat
2. Working Group on Youth Security
3. Toronto Police Service
4. Toronto Police Services Board
5. Toronto Police Service Community Mobilization
6. Neighbourhood Action Group in Kingston
7. City Council of Toronto

### REGION OF WATERLOO

1. Waterloo Regional Police Service
2. Christiane Sadeler; Exec Director, Irene O'Toole and Tracy Jasmins: Community safety & Crime Prevention Council
3. Ken Seiling, Regional Chair :Regional Municipality of Waterloo
4. Kitchener Downtown Business Association
5. Crown Attorney's Office
6. Kitchener City Hall
7. Kitchener Community Centres
8. Kitchener DownTown Business Association
9. SunnyDale Community Centre
10. Family & Children's Services of Waterloo
11. Lang Farm Village Association –24<sup>th</sup> Annual general Meeting

## LIST OF DOCUMENTS /PUBLICATIONS COLLECTED

### 1. TORONTO CITY

- i. **Toronto Police Services Board**
- ii. 'Civilian Oversight of Policing: Past, Present and Future 50 years of Civilian Oversight 1956-2006'.
- iii. Community Mobilization Presentation

### 2. REGION OF WATERLOO

- i. **Regional Municipality of Waterloo**
  - i. Strategic Focus 2004-2006
  - ii. Social Services Departmental Strategic Plan 2004-2006
  - iii. Social services Annual Report 2004-2005
- ii. **Waterloo Regional Police Service**
  - i. 2004 Annual Report and 2004 –2007 Corporate Business Plan
  - ii. Crime Prevention Through Social Development
  - iii. Community Mobilization
- iii. **Catholic family Counselling Centre (CFCC)**
  - i. Assorted brochures on family life challenges and reintegration methodologies
  - ii. The Rural Think Tank 2005: Understanding Issues Families face living in Rural and Remote Communities.
  - iii. Building early Childhood Development competence among Parents and Professionals
  - iv. Magazines: helping Families and Focus on Family Series.
- iv. **Community safety and Crime Prevention Council (CS&CPC)**
  - i. Posters
    - Hands are for Helping not Hurting

- Hands are for Hope not Hatred
- Hands are for Holding not Hitting

**v. Langs Farm Association**

- i. Reaching out and Celebrating Diversity

**vi. Downtown Business Association**

- i. Downtown Community Centre Advisory Council-Annual Report 2005-2006.

**vii. Community Care Access Centre of Waterloo**

- i. A healing Approach to Elder Abuse and Mistreatment 'The Restorative Justice Approach to Elder Abuse Project; Arlene Groh

**viii. Community Justice Initiatives**

- i. 'People Peace and Possibilities'; assorted brochures

**ix. Family and Children's Services of the Waterloo Region**

- i. 'A focus on Young Children in Waterloo Region' by Sandy Hoy and Karim Ikavalko