

Quality Education
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STUDENT PROJECTS 2019

The School of Public Management, Governance and Public Policy, in short SPMGPP, believes in the main pillars of sustainable development. These are to grow the economy for the benefit of the people without sacrificing the planet/environment. The SPMGP strives to promote the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs).

In 2019 the SPMGP's contribution to these objectives focussed on: "Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities", "GOAL 17: Partnerships to achieve the Goal", "Goal 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls", "Goal 4: Quality Education", and "Goal 2: Zero Hunger".

In line with these SDGs, the following projects have been carried out by the SPMGPP

GOAL 11: SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

16 March 2019

RE SEBETSENG CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN: 9TH AVENUE, MAYFAIR SWIMMING POOL (INNER CITY, WARD 58)

The SPMGP actions on this UN SDG focussed municipal solid waste collection and disposal through the City of Johannesburg (CoJ)'s waste management system. The SPMGPP students contributed to this goal by participating in Councillor Herman Mashaba, the Mayor of the CoJ's A Re Sebetseng" (which means "let's work") clean-up campaign.

The first clean-up campaign project took place on the 16 March 2019 at 9th Avenue, Mayfair Swimming Pool (Inner City, Ward 58). This clean-up campaign was headed by a number of senior officials from the Mayoral Committee. Among them were the MMC for Finance, Councillor Fonzela Ngobeni who was assisted by Counsellor Reuben Masango, the political head for Region F in the CoJ and MMC for Development Planning, and Counsellor Alex Christians, the City's Chair of Chairs and the councillor for Ward 58 in Mayfair.

The SPMGP students were welcomed and introduced the CoJ's leadership by Mr Omogelo Taunyane, the Media Specialist Office of the Executive Mayor. The SPMGPP students were given masks and gloves for safety by the staff of the CoJ before being divided into smaller groups responsible for different cleaning activities. One group of our SPMGPP students was given the task of cleaning the yard inside the swimming pool while another group was responsible for cutting the grass, picking garbage up and packing the rubbish bags in the designated area outside the compound (on the streets). Another group of students was responsible for collecting the rubbish bags and throwing them into the Pick-It-Up trucks.

Special note: A big thank you to the CoJ for inviting our students for lunch at a local restaurant called Status Restaurant after the clean-up project.



GOAL 11: SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

11 May 2019

CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN WITH JOHANNESBURG CITY PARKS AND ZOO ON 11 MAY 2019

The second clean-up campaign project took place on Monday the 11th of May 2019. The Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo invited the students from the SPMGPP to participate in the CoJ's "A Re Sebetseng" clean-up project which took place at Princess Road and Kent Street in Claremont (near Claremont Clinic).

The second clean-up project involved picking up litter, cutting grass, sweeping the streets amongst other things from the location. The CoJ wanted to clean the place and then conserve it from homeless people, drug addicts and criminals.

During this campaign, the students were welcomed by Mr Tumi Shoba (nature conservationist and manager) at the Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo.



GOAL 17: PARTNERSHIPS TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL

28 June 2019

POST 2019/20 BUDGET SPEECH ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT WITH THE COJ GROUP CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

The COJ signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote economic development and attract investment with the University of Johannesburg (together with Wits, Unisa) and the CoJ on 05 July 2019.

Following the signing of this MoU, the City of Johannesburg invited selected academics from these academic institutions to participate in the Post 2019/20 Budget Speech Academic Engagement with the CoJ Group Chief Financial Officer on 28 June 2019.

Prof DE Uwizeyimana represented the UJ, the CBE and the SPMGP in this Post 2019/20 Budget Speech Academic Engagement with the CoJ Group Chief Financial Officer which took place at the Johannesburg Zoo on the 28 June 2019.

We made some suggestions on how the CoJ can do to achieve a 5% economic growth and reduce unemployment by 2021 and how to monitor and evaluate the CoJ's progress towards achieving the IDP's strategic objectives.



GOAL 5: ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS

15 August 2019

BREAKFAST WITH THE GPL SPEAKER: LADDIES, A BREKKIE TREAT AWAITS YOU!

The Gauteng Provincial Legislature (GPL) has invited 20 final year female students to come and have a breakfast with the GPL Speaker. The breakfast programme with Speaker will be hosted at Parktonian Hotel on the 15 August 2019 to celebrate women month. This is a fantastic opportunity for female students to meet and interact with the GPL Speaker and other prominent women in the Gauteng Province.

The SPMGP will be sending 20 female students from the Public Management and Governance Degree (3rd and honours classes) to attend this event on the 15 August 2019.

Special note: A special thanks to the GPL Speaker for availing herself to interact with our female students and to the GPL for providing transport to and from the GPL and for providing lunch to the students who will participate in this event.



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GOAL 4: QUALITY EDUCATION

7 March 2019

GUEST SPEAKER : HONOURS MONITORING AND EVALUATION (M&E) STUDENTS

A guest lecture on Money Bills was presented by Mr Ralph Chiloane (assisted by Mr Solly Mohlala). Prof DE Uwizeyimana hosted the lecture on 7 march 2019 on the Auckland Park Kingsway Campus.

This inspiring and thought-provoking guest lecture provided a fantastic opportunity to our students to learn about the work of the Finance Committee on Money Bills and how monitoring and evaluation should be infused in the process of policy making and monitoring and evaluation (M&E).

Our students were highly commended for providing the GPL with valuable practical solutions and were asked to continue working with the GPL in the future.



GOAL 17: PARTNERSHIPS TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL

12 March 2019

SPMGPP STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE GPL HEARING FOR MONEY BILLS : GAUTENG PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

The Chairperson of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Money Bills and Related Matters Bill (henceforth referred to as “the Bill”), Honourable Mbongeni Radebe, invited the SPMGPP students at the University of Johannesburg to attend the public hearing which took place at the Gauteng Provincial Legislature (GPL) on 12 March 2019.

Different local Universities were also invited to participate. Our students were highly commended for providing the GPL with valuable practical solutions and were requested to continue working with the GPL in the future.

Special note: A special thank you to the GPL for providing transport to and from the GPL and for providing delicious lunches to our students.



GOAL 17: PARTNERSHIPS TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL

15 March 2019


SPMGPP STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE GPL HEARING FOR MONEY BILLS : GERMISTON CITY HALL (CORNER PRESIDENT AND LAMBERT STREETS)

As a result of the successful engagement with the SPMGPP students on 12 March 2019, the Chairperson of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Money Bills and Related Matters Bill (henceforth referred to as “the Bill”), Honourable Mbongeni Radebe, invited again more SPMGPP students and lecturers to participate the second public hearing which took place at the Germiston City Hall (Corner President and Lambert Streets) on the 15 March 2019.

The purpose of the public hearing was to gather information towards the strengthening of the Bill, which will provide for a procedure to amend money Bills in terms of section 120(3) of the Constitution.

Special note: A special thank you to the GPL for providing transport to and from the GPL and for providing delicious lunches to our students.





GOAL 2: ZERO HUNGER

18 July 2019

SPMGP STAFF MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN MANDELA DAY

The SPMGP staff participated in the Mandela Day on the 18 July 2019 by generosity donating a number of non-perishable goods which were delivered to the UJ SCR student affairs office at Auckland Park.

SDG NUMBER 3: GOOD HEALTH AND WELLBEING

21 September 2019

SPMGP STUDENTS VISIT TO ETHEMBENI CHILDREN HOME

For the first activity of the second semester, the students selected to participate in a community activity at an orphanage or children's home. Therefore, Ethembeni children Home was selected for this activity.

Ethembeni is situated at 84 Davies street in Doorfontein. It is a children's home that caters for abandoned babies and children from 0 to 3 years. This home provides care for up to 60 children that have either been abandoned or take away from abusive homes. Hence, our students were honored to be able to donate their time at this particular place.

During our visit, the students were involved in various activities such as cooking in the kitchen for the children, washing clothes in the washing machines, assisting social workers feed the kids, changing baby nappies, playing with the kids, bathing the kids, cleaning the playground and finally washing dishes and cleaning the kitchen.

This was an emotional visit for our students and humble experience. However, due to strict rules, we could not take any photo within the premises, photo of the activities or the children.



GOAL 2: ZERO HUNGER
SDG NUMBER 3: GOOD HEALTH AND WELLBEING.
GOAL 11: SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

26 October 2019

SPMGP STUDENTS VISIT TO BERTRAMS SKILLS CENTRE

Activity: Sustainable development and urban farming.

On the 26th of October, we had our final community engagement activity which took place at 46 Bertams road next to DFC campus. This centre is involved in urban farming that cultivates organic vegetables and fruits such as spinach, beetroots and so forth. The farm is funded by the government. The vegetables that are produced in this place are sold at a neighbourhood market.

For this project, our students were involved in indoor or urban farming. The students helped with watering vegetables. Other than this, the students were involved in planting seeds and uprooting vegetables that were ready for consumption. In addition, the students were involved in many other agriculture activities.

The purpose of this community engagement was to teach our students about sustainable development and urban farming.

