

Durban

Location and background: Located in the eThekweni metropolitan municipality on the south east coast of South Africa, Durban is the largest city in the KwaZulu-Natal region.

Population: With a population of over 3 million people, Durban is the second most populous city in South Africa.

Economy overview: Durban is famous as the largest and busiest port on the continent of Africa. Although the city is a major centre of tourism due to its warm subtropical climate and beaches, manufacturing is still the main focus of economic activity. Rising industries in the region are financial services and transport and communications, but unemployment is high at 30-40%.

Local government: The Mayor of Durban is Councillor Obed Mlaba.

Partnership with Leeds: Leeds' relationship with the city of Durban in South Africa was formalised in 1998 following the first free, democratic local elections in South Africa. Much of the work between the two cities has addressed the legacy of the apartheid years and the partnership agreement reflects these priorities: -trade and investment; safety and social inclusion; environmental protection and cultural exchange are the main areas of cooperation.



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