WELCOME NOTE FROM THE MAYOR OF ETHEKWINI MUNICIPALITY

It is my distinct pleasure, on behalf of the eThekwini Municipality, to welcome delegates, speakers, partners, exhibitors and guests to the CIGFARO Annual Conference 2026, taking place from 5–8 October 2026 at the Durban International Convention Centre.

The City of Durban is honoured to host this important gathering of professionals and leaders in public finance, audit, risk, governance and related disciplines. We are delighted to welcome you to our city and trust that your time in Durban will be both professionally enriching and personally memorable.

The work undertaken by public sector finance and governance professionals is fundamental to building capable, accountable and sustainable municipalities and public institutions. Sound financial management, effective oversight, responsible resource allocation and strong governance are essential to creating public confidence and ensuring that limited resources are directed towards meaningful and sustainable service delivery.

Conferences such as this provide an invaluable platform for practitioners to engage openly on the opportunities and challenges facing the public sector. They enable us to share experiences, learn from one another and explore innovative approaches that can strengthen our institutions and improve the lives of the communities we serve.

As eThekwini Municipality, we recognise the importance of partnerships and professional collaboration in advancing public sector excellence. We therefore welcome the opportunity to engage with CIGFARO and its members and to contribute to a conference that promotes knowledge-sharing, professional development and meaningful dialogue.

I encourage all delegates to take full advantage of the programme, engage with fellow professionals, participate actively in the discussions and explore the many opportunities that our beautiful city has to offer.

On behalf of the people of eThekwini, I wish CIGFARO, its leadership, members, partners and all delegates a successful and impactful Annual Conference 2026.

Welcome to Durban – a city of opportunity, resilience, innovation and possibility.

We trust that you will experience the warmth and hospitality of our city and leave with new knowledge, strengthened partnerships and renewed commitment to serving our communities.

Welcome to eThekwini. Welcome to Durban.

Warm regards,
Councillor Cyril Xaba
Mayor
eThekwini Municipality