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CITY OF CAPE TOWN JOINS GLOBAL VANGUARD PROGRAM TO END HOMELESSNESS

On November 4, 2025, the **City of Cape Town** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** with the **Institute of Global Homelessness (IGH)**, officially joining the global Vanguard Program. This partnership includes goals to be reached by 2030, reflecting the City's long-term commitment to reducing street homelessness.

Launched in 2017, the Vanguard Cities Program connects cities and countries across six continents that are leading efforts to transform homelessness strategies. With this alliance, **Cape Town became the 17th city to join this global movement.**

The MOU was signed by the Mayor of Cape Town, Ald. Geordin Hill-Lewis. A **hybrid signing ceremony took place during the 2025 National Homelessness Conference**, held in Cape Town, featuring remarks from city representative Councillor Francine Higham, a Mayoral Committee Member.

"As this partnership takes shape, we look forward to supporting Cape Town in advancing its goals, strengthening its data and service systems, and demonstrating progress that not only drives local impact but also inspires communities around the world to take action to end homelessness," said Julia Wagner on behalf of the Institute of Global Homelessness.

The partnership will focus on improving cross-sector coordination across government and civil society partners, strengthening early interventions, expanding access to safe accommodation and supportive services, and creating more pathways to housing.

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