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**CITY GUIDE**



■ The marina lock and waterway was unveiled to the media and roleplayers last week. Twenty years in the making, the canal lock will allow commuters to travel through a waterway from the city centre to the V&A Waterfront and back. Meshack Zikhali is a water taxi crew member and was on hand as a guide when guests made the maiden trip along the waterways to the disembarkation point next to the Grand Westin hotel in the city centre.

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# CBD is tops...

BUT SHADOWS STILL LURK

LAUREN MENDOZA

As Cape Town's central city received recognition for its renovation and rejuvenation, part of the city centre remains vacant, incomplete and dangerous behind the shadow of this acclaim.

Last week the International Downtown's Association (IDA), comprising more than 650 member organisations on four continents, chose Cape Town as Downtown of the Month after years of renovation and rejuvenation.

"This recognition is crucial for the future sustainability of the central city," said Theodore Yach, chairman of the Central City Improvement District (CCID). "The central city is the major economic driver in the Metropole as well as being the heart of [major activities] in the Metropole."

The Cape Town Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry paid tribute to the recognition of the central city's advocates, such as the Cape Town Partnership. "The City Partnership is a model of co-operation between the public and private sectors," said Jeremy Wiley, president of the chamber, in a statement. "It shows what can be achieved by working together."

The Partnership and the CCID have spent 10 years developing and revitalising the city centre.

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■ **Four-day weather snaps**

**FRIDAY**

TEMP 21°  
WIND: S/E

**SATURDAY**

TEMP 23°  
WIND: N

**SUNDAY**

30%  
TEMP 16°  
WIND: N/W

**MONDAY**

TEMP 18°  
WIND: N/W

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