

Makgoba congratulates LOC

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Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, Thabo Cecil Makgoba, on Tuesday congratulated the local organising committee on making the 2010 Fifa World Cup a reality.

"It is wonderful to join in the excitement that is building for the 2010 Fifa World Cup as expressed in the excitement about the Cape Town Draw. And I am certain we're heading for a successful World Cup," he said in a statement.

The soccer world cup draw was due to take place at Cape Town's International Convention Centre on Friday.

He urged South Africans not to forget "a more serious side" to the soccer spectacular, its effect on the environment.

"... we must acknowledge the huge carbon footprint that will be generated at that time and its effect on our environment," he said.

Makgoba challenged world soccer body Fifa and the SA Football Association to contribute "generously" to non-profit organisations working on climate change.

He also urged the government to be "bold and decisive" at the upcoming United Nations conference on climate change in Copenhagen. - Sapa

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