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About SACAP

The South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP) is legally charged to regulate the architectural profession in South Africa in terms of the Architectural Profession Act No. 44 of 2000 (the Act). The architectural profession includes professional *architects, senior architectural technologists, architectural technologists, architectural draughtspersons* and *candidates* in each of the categories of registration, all of whom are required to be registered with SACAP before they can practice architecture.

SACAP regulates the architectural profession by setting up standards for registration, education and training, professional skills, conduct, performance and ethics. SACAP also keeps a register of candidates and professionals who meet the standards; approve programmes at higher institutions of learning which persons must complete to register; and take action when professionals on our register do not meet the standards.

More information about SACAP is available on
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Editor's Note

Dear readers,

Welcome to the latest edition of the SACAP quarterly newsletter, covering the period from July to September 2023. In this issue, we are excited to bring you a wealth of news, updates on our campaigns and engagements, as well as highlights of our quarterly achievements.

News in the profession

Stay informed and updated with the latest happenings in the architectural profession. Read about emerging trends, innovative projects, and key developments that are shaping our profession. From sustainable design practices to cutting-edge technology, this section will provide you with valuable insights and knowledge.

SACAP Campaigns and Engagements

Discover the impactful campaigns and engagements that SACAP has been involved in throughout the quarter. Learn about our efforts to raise awareness of the profession and uphold ethical standards, from partnerships with various stakeholders to involvement in

awareness campaigns and events. SACAP is dedicated to advancing the architectural profession.

We hope that you will find this edition informative and inspiring. As always, we value your feedback and suggestions. Should you have any ideas or contributions for future newsletters, please feel free to reach out to our editorial team.

Thank you for your continued support, and enjoy reading!

– **Ntokozo Masango:** Stakeholder Relations manager

“We are considerate and relevant to our stakeholders”

Feedback

To all readers – we want to hear from you!

If you have feedback, articles you are interested in submitting, or suggestion regarding the content, let us know by sending to SACAP Stakeholder Relations Manager, **Ntokozo Masango** at **Ntokozo.Masango@sacapsa.com**.

“We are a regulator that is inclusive and transparent”

HAPPY Reading!



Advocate (Adv) Toto Fiduli

FROM THE REGISTRAR'S DESK

REGISTRAR'S

2ND QUARTER

(2023) OVERVIEW

Registration

SACAP has recently gone live with a new registration management system, a cloud-based platform. The new system makes it easy to process new registrations, re-registrations, reinstatements, Continuing Professionals Development (CPD) entries and payments. The system enables easy access to registration certificates, Monthly Training Records and CPD points tracking. The system has a self-service portal function to enable registered persons to update personal and practice information on their online profiles. This is to ensure that the personal information of registered persons is accurate and reliable. We request all registered persons to input and update their personal data under the self-service portal.

South African National Standards 10400-National Building Regulations

SANS 10400 provides a framework for building regulations, and it is essential that all building plans adhere to these standards. All updated national standards are available on the SACAP website. Even though national standards are available on the SACAP website, it has been reported by some local authorities that some registered professional still uses old national standards on building plans. We request all registered persons to ensure that they use recently updated national standards on our website.

We intend to collaborate with local authorities to host webinars on submission requirements, particularly compliance with national standards. We hope that this approach will improve compliance

with the submission requirements. We encourage all registered professionals to be on the lookout for this important Webinar.

Assessment of Recognition of Prior Learning

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is an alternative registration route for persons without formal qualifications. The process involves identifying, documenting, and assessing prior learning (knowledge, skills, competencies). The prior learning is assessed in accordance with the 10 professional competencies. This may facilitate the articulation to a higher professional registration category if a registered professional is successful. This is to create an enabling environment and inclusion in the architectural profession.

During the RPL assessments, the Assessment Panels have identified competency gaps in applicants' portfolios. As a result, SACAP has collaborated with educational providers who have developed short courses to address the competency gaps. We encourage registered professionals who were not successful to enrol so as to address the shortcomings identified during the assessment. This process will help with the development of professional competency and contribute to capacity building in the profession.

Identification of Work (IDoW)5192601

The Identification of Work policy is a critical tool to regulate the architectural profession. The IDoW policy ensures that professional functions are performed only by persons with the necessary competence. Various Local Authorities informed SACAP that they do

not have the capacity to enforce the IDoW policy. As a result, we developed a Competence Certificate for Senior Professional Architectural Technologists, Professional Architectural Technologists and Professional Architectural Draughtspersons. The Competence Certificate depicts all building types that a registered professional in the above-mentioned categories is competent to perform. The above-mentioned registered professionals will be required to submit the Competence Certificate to demonstrate to the local authority that they are competent to perform the submitted work for approval. The Competence Certificate will be available on the above-mentioned registered person's profiles.

Guidelines for Professional Fees

SACAP has determined and published guidelines for professional fees on 11 August 2023 under Board Notice 471 of 2023, gazette number 49108. The Guidelines for Professionals fees are used by registered persons and clients as an aid, especially where clients may not be able to negotiate on an equal basis due to the asymmetry of information between the parties.

While SACAP does not have a problem with reasonable discounts, but excessive fee cutting or discounting to the extent that the level of service which can be provided is impaired is a problem. This can lead to poor workmanship or project failure.

Service Charter

SACAP is a service-driven organisation. Email remains an essential channel for customer service despite the rise of social media. Therefore, turnaround time on email queries is critical to improve customer satisfaction. This quarter, we received 2475 email queries with regard to payments, accounts registration and legal. All the queries were addressed within the four-day turnaround time.

Local Authorities

Poor communication and delays in approving building plan applications at local authorities remains a challenge. We have engaged local authorities on various occasions about this matter; some have improved, and some have not. The Council has decided that a concerted approach is required to engage local authorities to resolve these ongoing delays. The Council resolved that should these engagements not yield any positive results; the Council would consider approaching the Courts as a last resort.

Register

We have recently embarked on a process to review the SACAP register. The review has shown that about 1143 registered persons do not have the requisite qualifications for their respective registration categories attached to their profiles. We have also noted that these individuals were not registered based on experience. As a result, we require certified qualifications; therefore, we will communicate with the relevant registered persons to request certified copies of their qualifications.

We also noted that 1500 registered candidates remained on the register as candidates for over 3 years. We communicated with all the affected registered candidates, and 500 of the 1500 registered candidates came forward and opted to enrol for examination rather than face cancellation. We call upon all 1000 registered candidates that have been on the register to enrol for the examination, or if they have challenges, they can approach us so that we can assist them.



COUNCIL FOR THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT WARNS AGAINST NON-REGISTERED PERSONNEL LEADING INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

In a statement issued on the 8th of February 2023, the Council for the Built Environment (CBE) warned that it is illegal for non-registered personnel to administer and lead infrastructure projects in South Africa. This warning is rooted in the approved National Framework on Professionalising the Sector, released in October 2022.

The CBE, in collaboration with the Councils for the Built Environment Professions (CBEP), is taking steps to make it illegal for non-registered personnel to hold positions of authority within infrastructure projects in the country. This stance will address one of the major challenges faced by the Built Environment sector where government departments and state-owned entities fail to comply with requirements in appointing professionally registered professionals.

Instances of candidates misemphasising their credentials or abandoning their professional affiliations post-appointment have become all too common. This trend has resulted in significant financial losses for the state, as these individuals cannot be held accountable in an instance of their professional misconduct. Additionally, the quality of professional work has deteriorated over time, leading to design errors, project overruns, deviations, and poor project scoping.

As a statutory body and regulator of the Built Environment sector, the CBE is actively advocating for the exclusive use of registered professionals in the administration and execution of infrastructure projects. However, non-registered professionals have a reprieve available to them through a compulsory programme designed to address their route to obtain professional registration. In a collaborative effort, the National School of Government (NSG) will implement this specifically designed programme across all three spheres of government and the private sector. This initiative will contribute towards the overall transformation of the sector.

The implementation of this programme will effectively make it illegal for non-registered personnel to administer and lead infrastructure projects in all three spheres of government, as well as the private sector. It will be supported by accompanying legislation viz. the Built Environment Transformation Charter and Sector Codes, currently developed for public consultation.

Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI), Mr Sihle Zikalala, expressed support for this initiative spearhead by the CBE to professionalise the sector. He emphasised the importance of public sector employees obtaining the relevant academic qualifications and professional registration to enhance the capabilities of the developmental state and improve contract management.

In accordance with the Minister's directive, the CBE will join forces with NSG to conduct a skills audit and provide support for skills development in Design, Project Management, and Contract Management during the 2023/24 period. The Minister will provide further details on these skills interventions in due course.

By collaborating with various stakeholders and implementing measures to professionalise the sector, the CBE aims to enhance the quality and accountability of infrastructure projects in South Africa.

About the CBE

The Council for the Built Environment (CBE) is a Schedule 3A Public Entity that reports to the National Department of Public Works and Infrastructure. It is a regulatory body established under the Council for the Built Environment Act 43 of 2000 (the CBE Act) that coordinates the following six Councils for the Built Environment Professions - Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Engineering, Property Valuers, Project and Construction Management, and Quantity Surveying - and through memoranda of understanding these include Town and Regional Planning, Land Surveying, and Environmental Assessment.

The CBE was established for the purpose of instilling good conduct within the Built Environment Professions, mobilising transformation in the Built Environment Professions, protecting the interest of the public in the Built Environment and advising the South African Government on Built Environment related issues.



For more information visit: www.cbe.org.za



FOSTERING CRITICAL THINKING AND CREATIVITY IN ARCHITECTURE THROUGH UNIVERSAL DESIGN

By *Nadira Haripersadh*

Introduction

Architecture is a dynamic and multidisciplinary field that combines art and science to create spaces that are not only aesthetically pleasing but also consider the needs and experiences of the people who will use these spaces. This article looks at how critical thinking, creativity and universal design can be integrated into the design process.

We first look at the role of Critical Thinking and Creativity in Architecture

Creative Critical Thinking explores innovative design solutions that stay grounded in practicality and inclusivity. Here's why it is important to foster critical thinking and creativity as an architect:

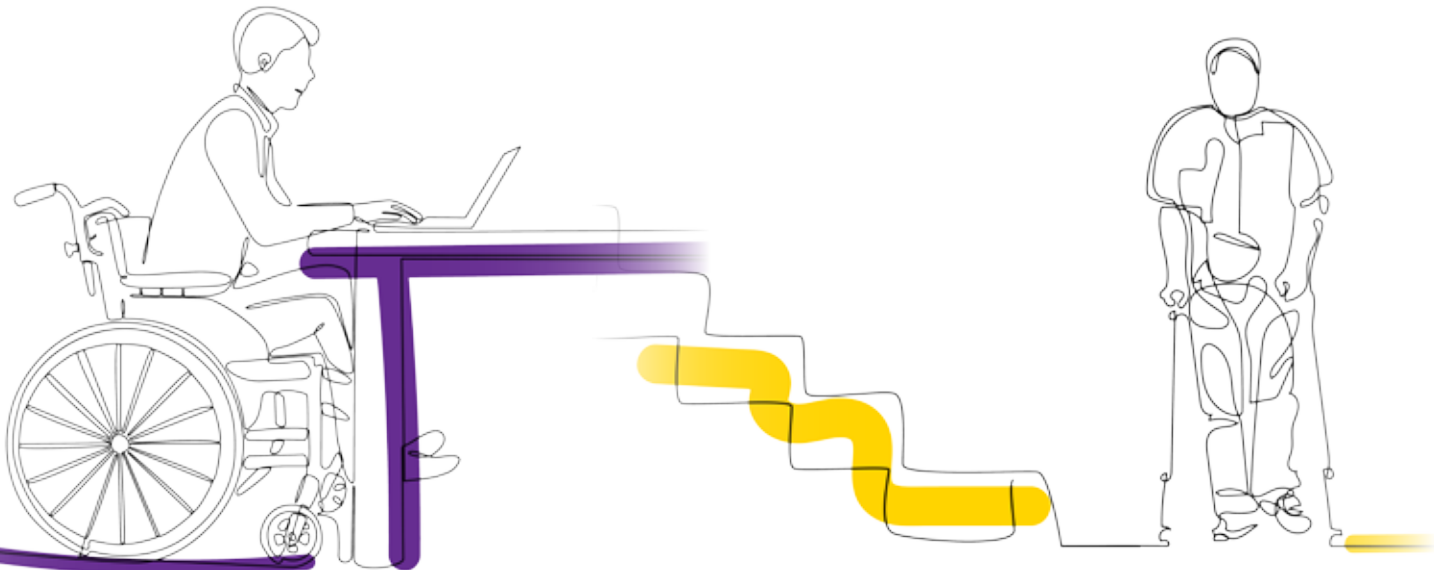
- **Problem Solving and Innovation:** Architects are often confronted with complicated design challenges, such as working within tight budgets, addressing site-specific constraints, and meeting diverse user needs. Fostering critical thinking and creativity empowers architects to analyse these challenges, unearth novel solutions, and select the most fitting design approaches.
- **Research and Analysis:** To design meaningful and functional spaces, architects must address a multitude of factors, including cultural context, environmental impact, and emerging technologies. Fostering critical thinking and creativity encourages architects to explore, scrutinize, and evaluate this information, paving the way for well-informed design decisions.

Universal design is not synonymous with sacrificing aesthetics for accessibility

- **Collaborative Synergy:** Architects frequently collaborate with diverse teams of professionals, including engineers, contractors, quantity surveyors, and interior designers. Fostering critical thinking and creativity fosters effective problem-solving practices where teams work together to find solutions that meet all discipline objectives.

We now look at how Universal Design could influence Critical Thinking and Creativity in Architecture

Universal design strives to create spaces and products that are accessible and easy to use by all people, regardless of their age or abilities. It champions inclusivity, eliminating barriers to allow everyone to participate fully in society. When linked to fostering critical thinking and creativity, universal design principles can significantly impact architectural innovation:



- **Identifying Creative Solutions:** Universal design is not synonymous with sacrificing aesthetics for accessibility. Fostering critical thinking and creativity encourages architects to identify imaginative solutions that seamlessly integrate accessible features into the overall design, enhancing both functionality and visual appeal.
- **Embracing Diverse Needs:** Critical thinking and Creativity prompts architects to embrace and explore the diverse needs of all potential end-users, including individuals with disabilities, the elderly, and children. By thoughtfully considering these needs, architects can design spaces that are accommodating and imaginative, catering to everyone.

Understanding the End Users

Architects must develop a profound understanding of the end users. This understanding, when intertwined with critical thinking and creativity, leads to holistic architectural solutions:

- **Cultivating Empathy:** Fostering critical thinking and creativity encourages architects to grow awareness by placing themselves in the shoes of end users, and contemplating their daily routines, preferences, and challenges. This empathetic approach results in designs that connect deeply with the human experience.
- **Crafting User-Centric Designs:** By critically analysing the habits, behaviours, and aspirations of potential occupants, architects can tailor their designs to meet specific user needs. This user-centric approach fuels creativity, giving rise to buildings that enrich the lives of those who inhabit them.
- **Adapting and Evolving:** Architects should remain open to feedback and be willing to adapt their designs based on user input. Fostering critical thinking and creativity equips architects to objectively assess feedback and make necessary revisions, ensuring that the building's usability and comfort continually improve.

Conclusion

Fostering critical thinking and creativity is an essential catalyst for architects seeking to push the boundaries of traditional design and create spaces that are not only aesthetically pleasing but also functional, inclusive, and user-centric. When linked with universal design principles and a deep understanding of the end user, these qualities enable architects to craft innovative solutions that positively impact human lives and promote inclusivity in our built environment. In this holistic approach, architecture becomes not just an art form but also a powerful tool for improving the human experience.

STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS ACTIVITIES REPORT

1. SUMMARY OF WORK COVERED IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PERIOD

1.1 Stakeholder Engagement and Events

STAKEHOLDER NAME	PURPOSE	DATE OF ENGAGEMENT	HOW
South African Institute of Architects (SAIA)	<p>SACAP held the quarterly meeting with SACAP.</p> <p>Below was the outcome of the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting will be arranged with the DPWI minister to discuss the challenges faced by the architectural profession. • A joint opinion piece will be published in the Sunday Times. • It further alluded that since the 5th Term Council is coming to an end, it would be appreciated that the collaboration between SAIA, VAs, and SACAP could continue in the same spirit with the new Council. 	6 April	Virtual/Zoom
Council for scientific and industrial research (CSIR)	<p>The Meeting with CSIR was held on 11 April 2023, to update on the progress on market research conducted by Ms Peta De Jager.</p> <p>SACAP agreed to assist Ms Peta in communicating the research to registered persons to get a maximum number of participants, from the current 210 participants. Ms Peta confirmed that the research proposal has been accepted by Wits University and the ethical principles committee, which is a success in proceeding with the research.</p>	11 April	Virtual/Zoom
Charmain Du Plessis (System Developer for George Municipality)	<p>George Municipality arranged a meeting with SACAP and their Building Application BCO registration system, to integrate the systems for instant registration verification. From the meeting, it was resolved that SACAP IT Manager will share the developer documented process for the developer. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled with the IT Manager.</p>	18 April	Virtual/Teams
Mossel Bay Municipality	<p>The meeting was held on 25 April, following the complaint that was received from RP about the delay in building plans approval.</p> <p>The Municipality confirmed that they accept online and manual plans submissions, the delay on online plans is due to RPs submitting incomplete plans online for them to get reference numbers and be able to report to the clients that plans have been submitted. This practice causes major delays in online plans submission because officials need to go through the incomplete plan and make many comments for RPs to correct. Another factor of delays is RPs resubmitting plans with the same comments not corrected. The Municipality accepted the SACAP partnership proposal they will discuss the Memorandum of Understanding with the director and revert back to SACAP.</p>	25 April	Virtual/Zoom

STAKEHOLDER NAME	PURPOSE	DATE OF ENGAGEMENT	HOW
SAIBD	<p>SACAP held the meeting with SAIBD.</p> <p>The purpose of the meeting was to discuss possible solutions to address the issue of the exclusion of architectural professionals in construction project planning.</p> <p>It was resolved that both SAIBD and SACAP will draft a proposal to the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, SAIBD will conduct research to prepare a case study for the proposal.</p>	05 May	Virtual/Zoom
CCSA	<p>A partnership quarterly meeting was held with CCSA on the progress made on cases report on the exclusion of other registration categories by homeowners associations.</p> <p>Positive feedback by SACAP was that the Zululami estate has a new code under review to include other categories, and the Simbithe estate has reviewed its guidelines.</p>	11 May	Teams/Zoom
Mangaung Municipality	<p>A partnership quarterly meeting was held with Mangaung Municipality. The Mangaung Municipality reported that they have managed to clear the backlog with the help of the City of Johannesburg during the months of March and April.</p> <p>The SACAP proposed the municipal workshop with Mangaung municipality, the municipality showed interest in hosting the workshop at Mangaung. The proposed dates for the month of June will be confirmed via email.</p>	12 May	Zoom/Teams
City of Johannesburg	<p>A partnership quarterly meeting was held with the City of Johannesburg Municipality. It was resolved that the current MOU will be circulated to all members to review and propose amendments, identify progress or achievements, and work on achieving what has not been achieved.</p> <p>It was resolved that the National Building Regulations awareness invitation will be sent to SACAP to circulate to all RPs.</p>	25 May	Teams/Zoom
Voluntary Associations	<p>The IDoW for architectural work was published in a gazette on 30 April 2021. The IDoW came into effect on 31 October 2022. Following the implementation of the IDoW policy, the Council has noted some grey areas that must be addressed through this review process.</p> <p>In that light, SACAP is in the process of scheduling an extensive consultation engagement with relevant stakeholders.</p>	06 June	Virtual/Zoom

STAKEHOLDER NAME	PURPOSE	DATE OF ENGAGEMENT	HOW
Voluntary Associations (SAIA Regional Institutes)	Same as above	7 June	Virtual/Zoom
Registered Persons	Same as above	8 June	Virtual/Zoom
1. Government Infrastructure Departments 2. Department of Public Works and Infrastructure 3. Department of Human Settlement 4. South African Local Government Association (SALGA) 5. Municipalities (BCOs) 6. Homeowners Associations 7. Transnet Properties 8. South African Property Owners Association 9. National Home Builders Registration Council	Same as above	9 June	Zoom
Homeowners Association	Same as above	13 June	Zoom
Ipsos	Market Research Briefing meeting	26 June	Virtual/Zoom

1.2 Public Awareness Campaign

- 1 x Public awareness campaign was conducted at Soweto (Maponya Mall and Bara Taxi Rank), Date: 12 May 2023.
- 1 x Public awareness campaign was conducted in Soshanguve, Date: 25 May 2023.
- 1 x Public awareness campaign was conducted in Gqeberha, Date: 21 June 2023.
- 1 x Public awareness campaign was conducted in Kwazulu Natal (Newcastle), Date: 2 Aug 2023.

1.3 Career Awareness Campaign

- 1 x Career awareness expo was conducted at Tshwane West District career expo, Date: 24 May 2023.
- 1 x Career awareness expo was conducted at Kuruman Northern Cape, Dates: 25-26 May 2023.
- 1 x Career awareness expo was conducted at Sedibeng West District attended by 6000 learners, Dates: 24-26 April 2023.
- 1 x Career awareness expo was conducted at DPWI winter school camp (Pretoria) attended by 9 schools, Date: 6 July 2023
- 1 x Career awareness expo was conducted at DPWI winter school camp (Pretoria) attended by 170 learners, Date: 14 July 2023.

- 1 x Career awareness expo National Science Week (University of Venda) attended by over 40 high schools in Vembe and surrounding districts, Dates: 22-23 June 2023.
- 1 x Career awareness expo Gauteng Zakariya park combined school attended by over 7000 learners from various schools, Date: 27 July 2023.
- 1 x Career awareness expo KwaZulu Natal (Newcastle) attended by 13 high schools, Dates: 2-3 August 2023.
- 1 x Career awareness expo Gauteng East District attended by over 8000 Learners, Dates: 31 July-3 August 2023.
- 1 x Career awareness Expo Free State (Bothaville) attended by grade 10-12 learners from various schools, Dates: 14 August 2023.
- 1 x Career awareness expo KwaZulu Natal (Durban) Durban University of Technology, Dates: 16-17 August 2023.
- 1 x Career Awareness expo KwaZulu Natal (Durban) University of KwaZulu Natal, Date: 21 August 2023.
- 1 x Career awareness expo Eastern Cape (Mount Ayliff), Dates: 22-23 August 2023.

1.4 Partnership Agreement

- Entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with NHBRC to collaborate on national roadshows to raise awareness and educate the public.

- Entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with the Council for Higher Education (CHE) to foster collaboration and elevate the standards of architectural education in SA.

1.5 Events

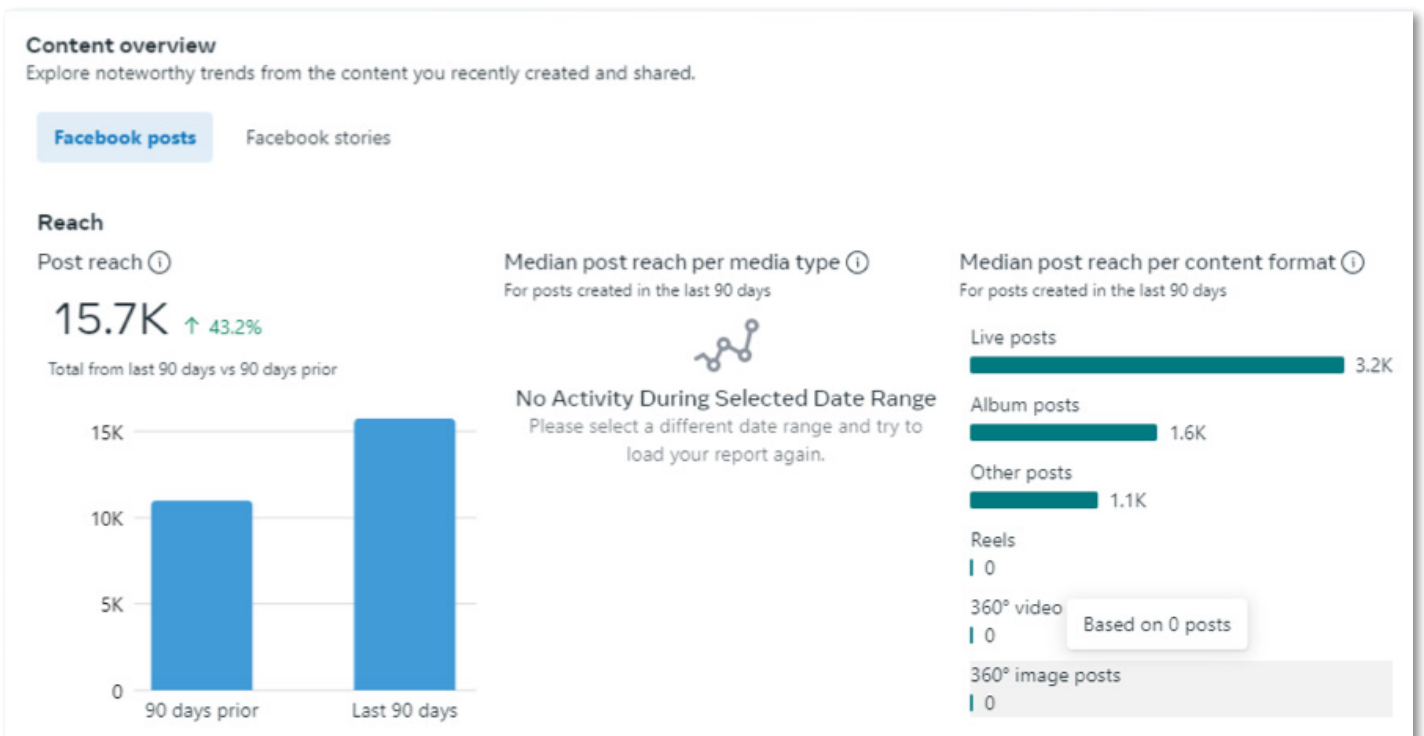
- Registration Webinar – 02 June, venue Zoom online
- Candidates Awards and Students Bursaries event – 22 June venue SACAP Offices
- Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality Municipal awareness workshop – 21 June venue municipal office Gqeberha.
- Mossel Bay Municipality Municipal awareness workshop – 22 June venue municipal office Mossel Bay
- Msunduzi Municipality Municipal awareness workshop – 6 July venue municipal office Pietermaritzburg
- Mangaung Municipality municipal awareness workshop – 21 July venue municipal office
- Women’s Month webinar – 18 August 2023

1.6 Corporate Branding

- Procured SACAP branded Gazebo and chairs for public awareness mini expos and outdoor expos.
- Media wall banner

2. ORGANIC REACH

The number of people who saw your posts at least once. Reach is different from impressions, which may include multiple views of your posts by the same people.



1.7 Media Liaison and Public Relations

- Mix FM Media interview on Council achievements- Spokesperson SACAP Registrar- 02 Aug

1.8 Reputational Risk

Monitor public relations and social media to identify any reputational Risk to SACAP.

- No media negative comment could cause serious reputational risk for the reporting period.

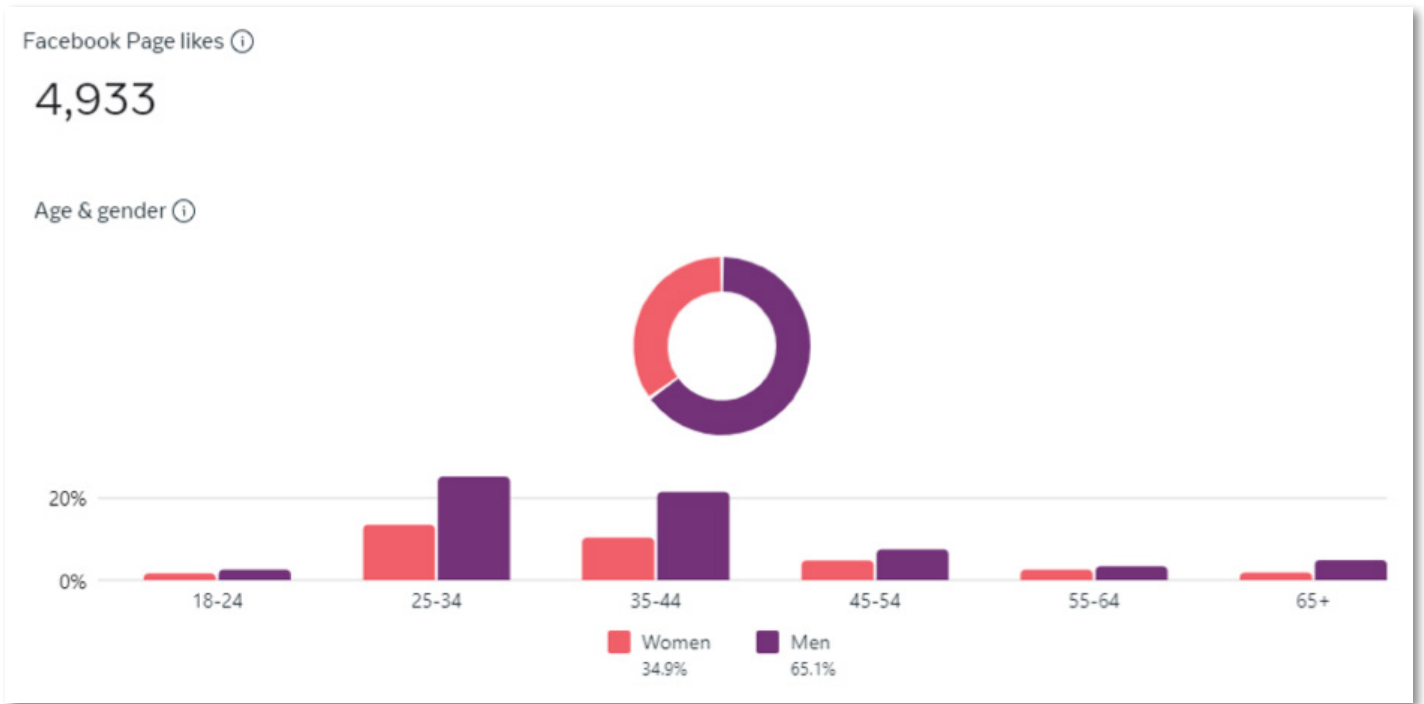
1.9 Corporate Communications and Marketing

- SACAP quarterly newsletter was published
- Development and print of SACAP annual report was finalized.

1.10 Social Media Analysis

Social media marketing reporting is based on an accurate collection of data and statistics that are customized based on our social marketing activities. The below statistics highlight our level of engagement, reach, and negative feedback received on our social media platforms.

Audience according to gender



3. RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

RISK	CONTROLS
Lack of public awareness	To conduct Municipal workshops
	TO conduct Public awareness in public areas (Malls and shopping centers)
	To conduct career awareness in high schools.



SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT 2023

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CREATING A FUTURE!

The 2023 edition of the Summit will be held as a hybrid event – combining both the in-person and virtual experiences. Thus offering both exponential global reach and accessibility by easily bringing the content directly to the audience. The world is collectively embracing the idea of a green recovery as a means to achieve sustainable, resilient, inclusive economic growth. Imagine a world of zero-carbon growth—where industry is water wise and energy efficient, where infrastructure is smart and inclusive, where waste is converted into lucrative revenue streams. Imagine an economy that takes care of business needs while securing the rights of future generations and offering women and youth the space they deserve.

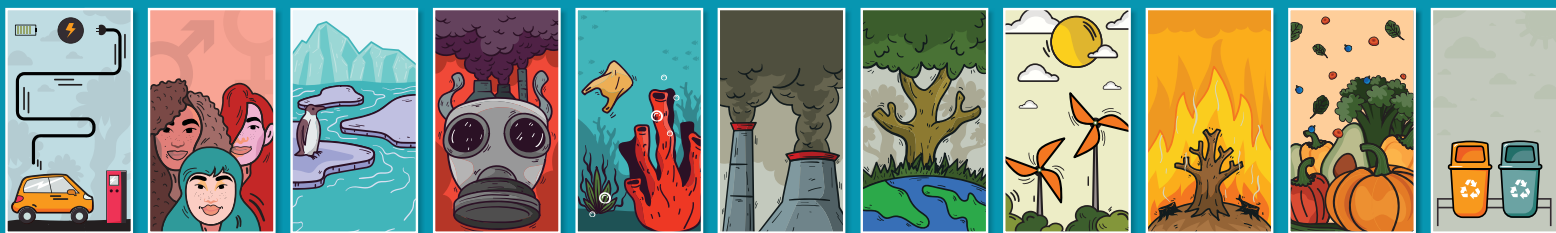
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EXCAVATION WORK

Excauation work is one of the most important activities in construction work. From the onset the client and the contractor must take into consideration the environment they intend to excavate. Construction Regulations 13(2)(g) states:

A contractor who performs construction work must ascertain, as far as is reasonably practicable, the location and nature of electricity, water, gas or other similar services which may in any way be affected by the work to be performed, and must before the commencement of excavation work that may affect any such service, take the steps that are necessary to render the circumstances safe for all persons involved.

During recent inspections conducted by the Department of Employment and Labour it was noted that this requirement may also link back to the designer, architect or local authority or any person associated with the approval on the design which led to the commencement of the construction work.

In addition to a general risk assessment the contractor must take specific steps in order to prevent any person from being buried or trapped by a fall or dislodgement of material in an excavation and may not require or permit any person to work in an excavation which has not been adequately shored or braced. Shoring and bracing may not be necessary where:

- (i) the sides of the excavation are sloped to at least the maximum angle of repose measured relative to the horizontal plane; or
- (ii) such an excavation is in stable material.

Provided that permission has been given in writing by the appointed competent person upon evaluation of the site conditions and where any uncertainty pertaining to the stability of the soil still exists, the decision from a professional engineer or a professional technologist competent in excavations is decisive.

Other legal obligations that the contractor must take into consideration during excavation work include:

- (a) Ensure that no load, material, plant or equipment is placed or moved near the edge of any excavation where it may cause its collapse and consequently endangers the safety of any person, unless precautions such as the provision of sufficient and suitable shoring or bracing are taken to prevent the sides from collapsing
- (b) Ensure that where the stability of an adjoining building, structure or road is likely to be affected by the making of an excavation, steps are taken to ensure the stability of such building, structure or road and the safety of persons
- (c) Ensure convenient and safe means of access to be provided to every excavation in which persons are required to work, and such access may not be further than six meters from the point where any worker within the excavation is working
- (d) Ensure that every excavation, including all bracing and shoring, is inspected:
 - (i) daily, prior to the commencement of each shift;
 - (ii) after every blasting operation;
 - (iii) after an unexpected fall of ground;
 - (iv) after damage to supports; and
 - (v) after rain.

SACAP NewZ WORTHY

SACAP raises awareness of architecture as a career of choice in KwaZulu-Natal

SACAP undertook an awareness campaign to matriculants at St Lewis Bernards High School, Mnyamande Secondary School, Sizwe High School, Impala High School, Umzilikazi Secondary School, Zibambeleni High School, Emfudweni High School, Nhlosokuhle High School, Thubelihle High School, Mziwethu High School, Ingabade High School, Panorama High School, and Newcastle High School.

We promoted architecture as a career choice and distributed career guides pamphlets that covers the following:

- Understanding Architecture: Explaining the essence of architecture, its significance, and its role in shaping communities and society.
- Architectural Professionals' Roles: Providing insights into the multifaceted roles and responsibilities of architectural professionals.
- Required Skills: Outlining the skills and competencies needed to thrive as an architectural professional,
- Accredited Learning Sites (ALSs): Listing accredited institutions where learners can pursue architectural studies.
- Entry Requirements: Clarifying the entry prerequisites for different ALSs, enabling learners to make informed decisions when applying to study architecture.
- Registration Categories: Detailing how different qualifications align with various registration categories.
- Career Pathways: Presenting the career opportunities available in the architecture profession.

SACAP remains committed to raising awareness of architecture as a career.



SACAP conducted an awareness campaign at the Msunduzi Municipality

SACAP conducted a Municipal Awareness Campaign at the City Hall in Pietermaritzburg on Thursday, 6 July 2023. The awareness campaign dealt with challenges faced by registered persons at local municipalities, particularly lack of communication and delays to approval building plan applications.

The awareness campaign was attended by members of the public, building control functionaries, and registered persons. SACAP dealt with various issues such as challenges faces by registered persons at local authorities, registration requirements, the Identification of Work mechanisms (Recognition of Prior Learning & Limited Special Dispensation), Continuing Professional Development and the Code of Conduct.

The SACAP is committed to promoting and advancing the architectural profession in South Africa.



SACAP NewZ WORTHY

SACAP collaborates with the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) to promote architecture a career of choice



The SACAP participated at the Annual Winter School Camp in Pretoria on Friday, 14 July 2023. The camp was organised by DPWI and was attended by 170 learners from different provinces.

This initiative by DPWI is aimed at giving learners exposure to careers within the built environment. SACAP promoted architecture as a career to learners from various schools. During the exhibition, SACAP personnel distributed career guide pamphlets which contains names of accredited educational institutions that offer architecture qualifications, entry requirements and possible career choices in the architecture profession. We hope that our exhibition inspired many learners from diverse backgrounds to consider architecture as career choice.



SACAP conducted an awareness campaign at the Mangaung Local Municipality

SACAP conducted a Municipal Awareness Campaign at the Mangaung Local Municipality on Friday, 21 July 2023. The awareness campaign dealt with challenges faced by registered persons at local municipalities, particularly lack of communication and delays to approval of building plan applications.

The awareness campaign was attended by members of the public, building control functionaries, and registered persons. SACAP dealt with various issues such as challenges faced by registered persons at local authorities, registration requirements, the Identification of Work mechanisms (Recognition of Prior Learning & Limited Special Dispensation), Continuing Professional Development, and the Code of Conduct.

The SACAP continues to be committed to promoting and advancing the architectural profession in South Africa.



SACAP NewZ WORTHY

Arrested for practicing architecture without being registered with SACAP

25 July 2023, Johannesburg, South Africa - We wish to report to our stakeholders the arrest and detention of Mr. Knowledge Madinga, a suspect who allegedly violated section 18(2) of the Architectural Profession Act due to practising architecture without a license. In terms of section 41 (1) of the Act, a person contravening section 18(2) is guilty of an offence.

On 22 May 2023, SACAP Investigating Officer initiated a criminal case against Mr. Madinga, which was reported at the Tokoza Police Station. Following an investigation, the suspect was subsequently arrested on 21 July and placed in police custody. A bail hearing was scheduled for 24 July 2023, during which additional documents were requested. As a result, the bail hearing has been postponed to 28 July 2023 to allow for the submission of the required documentation. In the meantime, the suspect remains in police custody.

SACAP is committed to protecting members of the public and the architecture profession against unregistered persons. We call upon members of the public to verify with SACAP whether a person is registered before an appointment to perform architecture work. We can be reached 011 479 5000/info@SACAPSA.com



SACAP continues to create awareness of architecture as a career of choice

The SACAP in collaboration with the Gauteng City Region Academy exhibited at the Zakariyya Park Combined School from Monday, 24 July 2023 to Thursday, 27 July 2023. The exhibition was attended by almost 7 000 learners from different schools around Zakariyya Park

SACAP continues to raise awareness of Architecture as a career of choice. Proper guidance was presented to the learners in terms of choosing architecture as a career of choice. The learners were excited to learn about the vital role that architectural professionals play in shaping the built environment and the skills required to form part of this exciting profession.



SACAP NewZ WORTHY

SACAP continues to educate members of the public about architecture

An informed stakeholder is critical for effective regulation of the architecture profession. Members of the public are integral to SACAP statutory mandate, therefore public awareness campaigns is part of our strategy to improve standards of services rendered by registered persons to members of the public.

On 2 to 3 August, SACAP officials undertook a public awareness campaign in Kwazulu-Natal, Newcastle. We distributed pamphlets and placed posters on public spaces. The pamphlets provides advice on how to verify registration, risk of using unregistered persons and details to report improper conduct. SACAP is committed to educate members of the public in rural and townships areas.



SACAP continues to promote architecture as a career of choice

SACAP undertook a career awareness campaign for Grade 9 and 12 learners from various schools in the Gauteng East District, particularly, Kwa-Thema Spring, Brakpan, Emaphupheni, and Benoni from Monday, 31 July 2023 to Thursday, 3 August 2023. The career awareness was attended by almost 8000 learners.

Career awareness is very important and essential for the skills pipeline. It also encourages learners to make informed and good decisions regarding their professional career. The recent career awareness campaign helped learners to build an understanding of the full landscape of careers in architecture. We also distributed career guide pamphlets focusing on the following areas:

- Architecture: Explaining the essence of architecture, its significance, and its role in shaping communities and society;
- Architectural Professionals' Roles: Providing insights into the multifaceted roles and responsibilities of architectural professionals;
- Required Skills: Outlining the skills and competencies needed to thrive as an architectural professional;
- Accredited Learning Sites : accredited institutions where learners can pursue architectural studies;
- Entry Requirements: Entry prerequisites;
- Registration Categories: Qualifications vs registration categories; and
- Career Pathways: career opportunities available in the architecture profession.



SACAP NewZ WORTHY

SACAP collaborates with the South African Roads Agency (SANRAL) to raise career awareness of the architectural profession

SACAP took part at the SANRAL Career Expo which was held at the Letlotlo Naledi Primary School Hall in Bothaville, Free State on Monday, 14 August 2023. The Career Expo was attended by grades 10 and 12 learners. We also delivered career guides at Kananelo Secondary School.

We presented the mandate of SACAP and why it was important for learners to know about the regulatory body. We also distributed career guides with information on:

- Understanding Architecture: importance of architecture on infrastructure projects and ability to creating healthy spaces for communities;
- Architectural Professionals' Roles: Providing insights into the multifaceted roles and responsibilities of architectural professionals;
- Required Skills: Outlining the skills and competencies needed to thrive as an architectural professional;
- Accredited Learning Sites (ALSs): provided details of accredited institutions where learners can pursue architectural studies;
- Entry Requirements: Entry requirements to study architecture at different ALSs;
- Registration Categories: Detailing how different qualifications align with various registration categories; and
- Career Pathways: Presenting the career opportunities available in the architecture profession.



SACAP NewZ WORTHY

SACAP meeting with the Minister of the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure



We are pleased to inform our stakeholders that on 15 August 2023, SACAP had meeting with the Honourable Minister Sihle Zikalala of the Department of Public Works & Infrastructure.

The Minister expressed the importance of architecture in infrastructure projects. The President of the Council informed the Minister that the Council is available to advise the Minister on any matter which relates to architecture and infrastructure projects. The Minister requested to be briefed on Council leadership, programs, outreach activities to get more previously disadvantaged persons registered in the profession, support of emerging registered persons to grow in the profession, outreach programs to encourage previously disadvantaged persons to enrol for architecture qualifications, and the support of women participation in the profession.

This meeting provided an invaluable platform for SACAP to engage the Minister on matters affecting the profession and for the Minister to provide directives to Council. The Minister also confirmed that he is finalising the appointment of the 6th term Council.

SACAP continues to undertake public awareness



The core mandate of SACAP is to protect the public, in an effort to accomplish its mandate, SACAP continues to undertake public awareness campaigns. We conducted the public awareness campaign in Kroonstad, Free-State on Tuesday, 15 August 2023. The campaign was aimed at educating the members of the public about architecture and the importance of appointing a registered professionals on building projects.

We distributed informative brochures and answered questions about the benefits of appointing registered professionals to building projects. Members of the public were advised that using registered professionals will ensure that their buildings are compliant with building regulations, they are safe, functional, and aesthetically pleasing.

SACAP hopes that the public awareness campaign will contribute to education and understanding of architecture and the importance of appointing registered professionals for building projects. SACAP officials also visited Nala Municipality and posted awareness posters at various points.

SACAP NewZ WORTHY

SACAP conducts public awareness at Ntabankulu in Eastern Cape

The SACAP conducted the public awareness campaign in the rural areas of Ntabankulu in Eastern Cape on Thursday, 24 August 2023. The campaign was aimed at educating the members of the public about architecture and the importance of appointing registered professionals on any building projects, including designing plans for the houses erected in rural areas.

We distributed informative brochures and answered questions about the benefits of appointing registered professionals to building projects. Members of the public were advised that using registered professionals will ensure that their buildings are compliant with building regulations, and they are safe, functional, and aesthetically pleasing. SACAP hopes that the public awareness campaign will contribute to education and understanding of architecture and the importance of appointing registered professionals for building projects.



SACAP engage with the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) to enforce compliance with the Architectural Profession Act



One of SACAP's strategic objectives is to build strategic relationships with law enforcement agencies to enforce the Architectural Profession Act against unregistered persons. As a result, on 08 September 2023, SACAP met with the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) to discuss the handling of unregistered persons' dockets by Detectives; withdrawal of cases based on witness statements obtained by Detectives from witnesses, and reliance on these statements by Prosecutors; and to create awareness to the NPA about the criminal offenses created by the Architectural Profession Act.

Furthermore, SACAP raised concerns with regard to Prosecutors acting as mediators rather than prosecuting unregistered persons. The NPA committed that all criminal dockets that have sufficient evidence will be dealt with in accordance with the law. It was further agreed that all criminal cases from SACAP will be merged as contraventions of the Architectural Profession Act offences and the Fraud offences and investigated simultaneously. Furthermore, NPA proposed that SACAP must conduct more public awareness campaigns in Limpopo to educate members of the public about the use of registered professionals for building projects and on how to verify registration to prevent influx of criminal cases.



SACAP NewZ WORTHY

The arrest of Brighton Ndumiso Ngubane for practicing architecture without being registered with SACAP



Johannesburg, September 8, 2023- The SACAP wishes to inform the public and all stakeholders of the recent arrest of Brighton Ndumiso Ngubane on charges related to practicing architectural work without being registered.

The case, registered under case number 21/01/2023, was initially reported to SACAP by a concerned citizen in May 2023. Subsequently, an investigation was launched to ascertain the veracity of the claims. As a result of our rigorous investigation and collaboration with law enforcement agencies, Mr. Brighton Ndumiso Ngubane was arrested and subsequently appeared at the Maritzburg Magistrate Court for a bail hearing.

SACAP would like to assure the public and all stakeholders that we will continue to collaborate with law enforcement agencies to ensure that justice is served. As the matter is currently under legal proceedings, SACAP will refrain from making further comments on the specifics of the case. We trust that the legal process will be fair, transparent, and impartial.

SACAP encourages public members to report anyone who practices architectural work without being registered. We are committed to upholding the integrity of the architectural profession and ensuring the safety and well-being of the South African public.

SACAP undertook public awareness in Bergville Kwazulu-Natal

On 12 September, the SACAP conducted a public awareness campaign in the small town of Bergville, Kwa-Zulu Natal. We distributed informative brochures about the importance of appointing registered professionals to design buildings and homes. We also visited the Bergville Library and the Post Office to disseminate brochures.

This is part of our ongoing efforts to educate the public about the architecture profession.



SACAP NewZ WORTHY

SACAP continues to promote architecture as a career of choice

On 12 September 2023, SACAP conducted a school visit at Bergville Christian Academy to promote architecture as a career choice among grade 9-10 learners. The visit provided SACAP with the opportunity to engage with Learners studying pure maths and physical science.

During the visit, SACAP presented its regulatory statutory mandate. We disseminated career guides containing valuable information on Architecture; University entry requirements to study architecture; accredited Universities where learners can study architecture; and Registration Categories aligned qualifications. The learners demonstrated interest and enthusiasm about architecture. Many of them had a good understanding of architecture. We continue to actively promote architecture as a career option, inspiring the architectural professionals of tomorrow.



SACAP continues collaboration with local authorities

Johannesburg, 27 September 2023, SACAP met with the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality (NMBM) in an effort to address challenges faced by registered professionals, mainly poor communication and delay in approval of building plan applications. The NMBM reported that they have improved the turnaround times on the approval of building plan applications to 13 days. This is laudable because the National Building Regulations & Standards Act allows for 30 to 60 days approval timeframes.

The challenge faced by the NMBM is minor quality assurance on some of the building plan applications, particularly on things like signatures, colour, or fonts. In addition, it was reported that some registered professional still uses old standards notwithstanding that updated SANS 10400 have been made available for all registered professionals. These are the issues that often delay approval of the building plans. In order to improve the quality of building plan applications, we have agreed with the NMBM that a series of Webinars will be arranged to workshop registered professionals on submission forms requirements and the standards. We encourage all registered professionals to be on lookout for this important Webinar.

Our engagement with the MNBM has culminated on a proposed Memorandum of Understanding. We are pleased with this and we believe that it will strengthen our relations henceforth.



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