

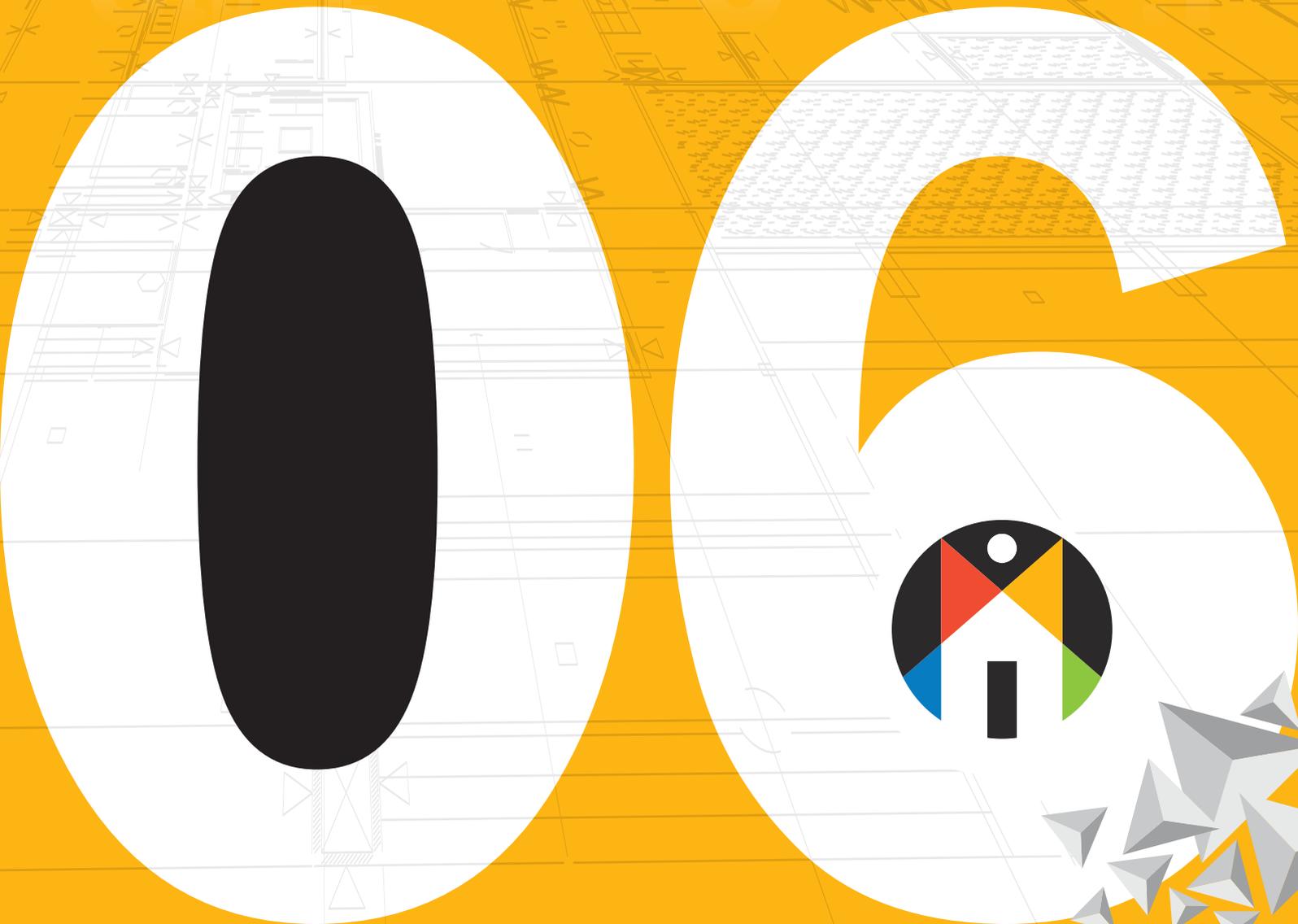
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The South African Council for the Architectural Profession

6th Term Council





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.

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Charles Ntsindiso Nduku
President of SACAP

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME NOTE: SHAPING THE FUTURE

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Effective regulation and transformation of the architectural profession

I am honoured to address you as the re-elected 6th term Council President for the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP). Soon, in the new year, the 6th term Council will gather to craft a new strategy that will guide us to fulfil the vision and mission of SACAP for the improvement of the architectural profession. While we will be focusing on crafting a new road map, we must reflect on the work done by the 5th term, so that the new strategy is laid on the foundation of all the work of the 5th term Council.

A Glimpse of areas of focus for the 6th term Council

As a Council, we function in a complex and dynamic environment in which stakeholder expectations and demands for registered persons and the public are expanding. The profession faces pressure on multiple fronts, including anti-transformative procurement policies that are rendering the profession unsustainable being implemented, construction mafias, the high attrition rate of architecture graduates and candidature registration, slow transformation in the profession, inefficiencies in the approval of planning applications at various local authorities, the proliferation of unregistered persons in the profession and lack of mentorship opportunities for many graduates due to low employment opportunities in the architectural profession.

The 6th term Council will formulate a new strategy and develop programs to address the challenges to advance the profession.

As we close for the holiday season, I wish to thank all registered persons for the support throughout the year.



Ms Letsabisa Shongwe
Vice-President of SACAP

VALUES AND MISSION FOR THE 6TH TERM COUNCIL

“A full Council can only enhance and benefit our future. The future of the architectural practitioner and that of the public that we protect and serve.”

While exercising his powers as prescribed by the Act, on the 17th of November 2023, as marked on the calendars at the South African Council of the Architectural Profession, the Honourable Minister of Public Work and Infrastructure inaugurated the 6th Term Council. The Council will sit at the helm to guide the profession of Architecture while resolving critical matters of education, transformation, professional fees, Identification of work, continued professional development, recognition of prior learning, investigations, stakeholder relations, and finance. This list marks the mandates of the South African Council for the Architectural Profession, SACAP.

The 5th Term of Council culminated with me holding the position of Vice-President of the board. A near 90% vote gave rise to my return as Vice President of the 6th Term Council. The Council spoke and I submitted. The role of the vice-president is that of confidant or soundboard to the President and a support to the head of the administration, being the Registrar. It is also a public relations role that extends the reaches of the president in his absence. In Sotho we say “motlatsa setulo”, meaning ‘the one who fills the chair when seconded to’. To fill such a chair is an immense and delicate duty, it

means one should always hold and know the values of the president and that of the Council. It is an ongoing act of service that should never retire. The 5th Term Council achieved all its mandates, and new 6th Term will be tasked with continuing this trajectory.

As I pen this letter to you, the 6th Term Council ushered in new astute colleagues of this profession, to augment and further season the board. We look with excitement to their contributions and wisdom. A full Council can only enhance and benefit our future. The future of the architectural practitioner and that of the public that we protect and serve. This term will commence with our strategic session. We will go into session and map the strategy that will feed the committees of SACAP. We are expected to plot a clear strategy by the current foremothers and forefathers, from which we will be held accountable. I look to the wisdom and leadership from President Charles Nduku, Councillors Mr. Dhanashwar Basdew, Mr. Kevin Bingham, Ms Singalakha Bongela, Ms Kaylee Cupido, Dr Jennifer Mirembe, Mr Lufuno Nematswerani, Ms Mandisa Pepeta, Vusi Phailane, and Mr Rolihlahla Vuzane.

My mission for the 6th Term Council is that we continue to ride on the cohesion that was inculcated by the 4th Term interim Council. This much-needed calm in our profession laid the foundation to later 5th term's exceptional achievements with shining relationships with the Competitions Commission, Construction SETA, and our main Stakeholders, namely the Minister of public works and Voluntary Associations. In calm and love for the architectural industry and healthy debates being encouraged, only great achievements can happen. Cohesion does not mean a disregard for differences in opinion but rather a deliberate intention to commit to one purpose for a successful term and a united architectural profession with all stakeholders, including our valuable voluntary associations.

The mission of the Honourable Minister to have 50% women on the Council, gave rise to a count of 5 women out of 11 seats. This is a first for the history of this Council. This is indicative of his commitment to transformation. The words of our transformation champion and Council member, Mandisa Pepeta, "transformation is an all-in and not an exclusionary tool at the expense of the other." The goal of the Council in transformation is to continue to encourage the articulation through the professional levels through recognition of prior learning and through universities with the mind to create professionals that will mirror the demographics of our society. At the heart of the transformation is access to work. All stake-holding missions and advisory panels to the ministry will be loaded with ways to assist the Minister's agenda on infrastructure.

An important objective of the 6th Term Council will be further enforcement against unregistered professionals. SACAP's administration has further empowered itself via the employment of staff with forensic criminal investigating qualifications and a policing background. This move is designed to counter the rise of purports as is evident on social media, masquerading as professionals at the expense of the paying public.

No village can sustain itself and evolve without the candidates of Architecture that are endeavouring to become professionals. This fresh crop of leaders is our future, and as the 6th Term Council, I foresee that we will very likely consider creating a code of conduct for the candidates, possibly a whole Act that supports these aspirants. One could say a Code of Conduct is also a way of being and becoming. If we help them to 'become', then they will 'be'. I often speak on the plight of candidates and their need for valuable, fruitful links to professional offices.

The Architectural profession is a member of the 'Allied Professions' as engraved in the Act. This symbiotic overlay that brings about the well planned buildings, is a very pertinent relationship that operates

best when boundaries are clear and professional. We will continue to hone these relationships as they cultivate in harmony during projects. On the achievements of SACAP, we are ready to share pages from our books for the further development of the entire industry.

In his uncontested second Term of presidency, President Charles Nduku, will continue to steer the Council while as he has done before, with humility and clarity. We are blessed with exceptional leaders that have served in the 5th Term and now again in 6th Term. As a practitioner, I often mention that I serve SACAP with a 'full heart' and at my practice I serve 'full time'. The two have come to rest on my desk in harmony. This symphonic dance helps to bring outcomes that are both thorough, sensible and tested.

To the losses of the practitioner is the municipal engagement. SACAP knows that swifter approval of building plans, means business relationships are enhanced and restored. My personal dream is a streamlined national municipal online plan submission strategy with a 14-days turnaround. My dreams are ambitious at best, but why not, we derive our livelihood from this profession, and we drink deep from loving this well. SACAP will continue to forge ways to ease the municipal burden. All sectors are evolving, as is the Architectural professional. Like water we should adapt to maintain sustainability and like the Dahomey Worriers of Benin, we should soldier on with brevity and innovation. Playing small serves no one and we are all born to make manifest the glory of our spiritual guides, as Marianne Williamson wrote. (Adapted for inclusivity).

As women, mothers, wives, businesspersons, and educators, I believe that we have an inherent ability to weave the mandates of SACAP with stealth and rigor. We have meandered the challenges in harmony with the gentlemen of the Council and believe we can continue to do so. After all, we have one goal in mind: the aspiration of our constituents and registered members. In good governance, the Council should always enable the Sacap Administration and its Registrar to do its work independently while carrying out the resolutions of Council. At the core of who we are, as I have observed, is that we know that the stability of the Council is the stability of the Administration and its committed Staff. Our work awaits us, much to be done.

It is a privilege to serve as vice-president once again and sincerely, I thank you.

Yours in Architecture and its life,

Architect Ms Letsabisa Shongwe,
6th Term Vice-President of SACAP.



Mr Charles Nduku Professional Architect

Mr Nduku is a practising Architect, Owner, and Director of NN Architects which was established in 2003. Mr Nduku has designed and implemented a range of projects from Offices, Educational Facilities, Health Facilities, Warehouse and Factories to Private Homes.

Qualifications

1989 – 1991: PENTECH in Cape Town - National Diploma in Architecture.

1995 – 1997: University of Cape Town - Bachelor of Architectural Studies.

1998 – 1999: University of Cape Town - Bachelor of Architecture.

2019 – 2021: University of Cape Town - Masters of Urban Design.

Work Experience

1992 – 1994: He worked for Public Works in Mthatha, Eastern Cape as an architectural technologist doing basic architectural duties.

2000 – 2002: He returned to East London and joined Osmond Lange Architects as a professional architect. Designing and managing a range of projects from public institutions to industrial parks where he gained experience.

2003 – Current: Mr Nduku took a step forward and started his own architectural firm – NN Architects. Under the leadership of Mr Nduku, NN Architects has grown into a well-known architectural firm in the Eastern Cape and Western Cape, with a head office in East London a branch in Mthatha and one in Cape Town. NN Architects have covered a few different projects; small and large. As an independent professional, Mr Nduku has designed and managed large-scale commercial and industrial projects as well as small to medium projects across the construction spectrum.

Mr Nduku's memberships of Professional Bodies

- Member of the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP) (6470)
- Member of the South African Institute of Architects (7078).
- Member of the Institute of Directors South Africa (60729540).
- Member of Infrastructure Build Anti-Corruption Forum.
- 2006- 2008, President of the Border-Kei Institute of Architects
- 2006- 2008, SAIA board member and convener of Habitat committee.
- 2017- 2019, President of the SAIA Border Kei Region.
- 2018- 2019, 4th Term Interim Council Member of the South African Council for the Architectural Profession.
- 2018- 2019, 4th Term Interim Council Convener of SACAP Fee Committee.
- 2018- 2020, Eastern Cape SABTACO President.
- 2019- 2022, Sectional Titles Board Member
- Current President of South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP) 5th Term.
- Current President of (Buffalo City Masters Football Association) BCMFA
- Current Board Member of HAEL (Housing Association East London)
- Serving as a member of Amatole & O.R Tambo Regions Built Environment Permit Review and Advisory Committee for Eastern Cape Provincial Heritage Resources Authority.



▶ **Ms Letsabisa Shongwe nee Lerotholi** Professional Architect

Ms Letsabisa Shongwe is a practicing Architect. She is the Principal of Arch-live Architects that opened in 2012. She is the first woman to be appointed as the President of the South African Council for the Architectural Profession when she assumed office in July 2018 as part of the Interim 4th term SACAP Council.

At the helm, she led Sacap into a governable and accountable SACAP. Her stakeholder relations' tone leads the mending of relations with the profession at large and helped stabilize the Regular Sacap. She serves the SACAP Council as the Chairperson of the Stakeholder Relations Committee and Chairperson of Professional Fees Committee. She co-chairs the transformation committee at Sacap in a supportive role. She served in the Exco of Council of Built Environment as well as a member of SAIA.

Letsabisa owns a commercial architectural practice called Arch-live Architects with clients in aviation, government and private sector.

She holds a National Diploma, Bachelors Degree and completed her Masters degree in architecture from Pretoria Technikon in 2005. Tsabi has 16 years full time practice experience in this profession. Her Master's Thesis 2005 won her second place in the converted National Corobrik Award. Her professional experience includes being part of the soccer city Fifa World Cup design team.

She mentors matriculates who all gain entry into architecture. Some of her mentees have won Awards. Tsabi is a champion of organizational stability; she is a constant peace navigator.



▶ **Mr Kevin Bingham** Professional Architect

Kevin Bingham is a Professional Architect with nearly four decades experience, nationally and internationally, in both Practice and Academia.

He is the Managing Director of the award winning FGG Architects based in KZ-N, and is the former president of both the South African Institute of Architects (SAIA) and SAIA-KZN.

Kevin has served on the International Union of Architects Council (2017-2021) and continues to serve on its committees. He is a member of the United Nations Habitat Professional Forum, and is the Adviser to the international Canberra Accord on architecture education. His main research interests outside of Education lie in the relationship between infectious diseases and architecture, including studies at the Harvard School of Public Health.

Kevin served on SACAP's 5th Term Council, chairing its Education and RPL Committees.

06 Meet the 6th Term Council Members



Dr Jennifer Mirember Professional Architect

Dr Jennifer Mirembe stands at the forefront of the architectural profession as a distinguished leader in the built environment, wielding her expertise to shape the landscape of spatial planning and urban design. Currently holding the esteemed position of Director (renamed CTRP) in the National Department of Human Settlements, she is entrusted with the crucial responsibility of overseeing Medium to Long Term Spatial Planning and Urban Design initiatives.

Beyond her directorial role, Dr Mirembe assumes pivotal positions that underscore her commitment to advancing sustainable practices and fostering innovation in construction technologies. She serves as a valuable member of the Board of Directors for Sustainable Materials and Construction Technologies, contributing to the evolution of eco-friendly and resilient building practices.

Her passion for urban design excellence is further evident in her role as the Events Manager at the Urban Design Institute South Africa. Here, Dr Mirembe orchestrates initiatives that propel the discourse on urban design, fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange within the architectural community.

Adding to her list of influential roles, Dr Mirembe holds a significant position on the Board of the Council for Geo Science South Africa, showcasing her dedication to broader geographical considerations within the built environment.

Dr Mirembe's academic journey is marked by outstanding achievements, reflecting her unwavering commitment to excellence. She earned her Doctorate of Town and Regional Planning from the esteemed University of Pretoria. Prior to this, her dedication to scholarly pursuits was recognized with an award for the best thesis in the Masters in City Planning and Urban Design from the University of Cape Town. Complementing her advanced degrees, she holds a Bachelor of Architecture, forming a solid academic foundation for her illustrious career.

Dr Mirembe has made significant contributions to shaping the trajectory of the architectural profession. Notably, she played a crucial role in the inclusion of architecture and urban design considerations in the 5-year Multi-Year Housing Development Plan for the Human Settlements sector. Her visionary approach ensures that architectural principles are integral to the development of sustainable and vibrant communities.

Dr Mirembe's influence extends beyond the drafting board, as she actively facilitates engagements between the government and key architectural institutions, such as the Gauteng Institute of Architects and the South African Institute of Architects. These collaborations foster a dynamic exchange of ideas, aligning governmental policies with the innovative practices advocated by the architectural community.

With over 12 years of extensive experience spanning both the private sector and government, Dr Mirembe's journey has seen her collaborate with leading architecture and urban design firms. Her tenure with the Western Cape Provincial Government, where she held a Middle Management position, further enriched her expertise before she assumed a Senior Management role upon joining the National Department of Human Settlements in 2008.

Dr Jennifer Mirembe's leadership in architecture is characterized not only by her impressive career milestones but also by her dedication to advancing sustainable practices, fostering collaboration, and shaping the future of urban design in South Africa. Her legacy is one of innovation, excellence, and a deep commitment to creating environments that stand as testaments to architectural brilliance.



Ms Mandisa Pepeta Professional Architectural Technologist

Ms Pepeta is a Principal of an Architectural Services and Project Management company, Qhakaza Africa Consulting founded in 2004 servicing Public, Private and Corporate Sector.

A mentor since 2008 to emerging businesses through NYDA, Durban Chamber of Commerce, Ithala and CBE. In May 2020, founded a Non-Profit initiative called Forum for African Built Environment Professionals focusing on leadership and empowerment drive within the built environment sector.

Regional and National Appointments

2015: Mentor for the Council of Built Environment

2015 – Current: Regional Committee of the South African Institute of Architects KwaZulu Natal (SAIA-KZN)

2019 – 2023: 5th Term council - South African Council of Architectural Profession (SACAP)

April 2022 – February 2023: Council for the Built Environment (CBE) – Chair Health, Safety, Public Protection, Universal Access Transformation Collaborative Forum (HSPPUA TCC)

2022 – current: 6th Term council – Council for the Built Environment (CBE)

2023 – current: 6th Term council - South African Council of Architectural Profession (SACAP)

Roles and Responsibilities at SACAP

- **Chairperson** - Investigating Committee and Transformation Committee
- **Committee Member** - Continuous Professional Development committee (CPD), Stakeholder Relations Committee and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and Identification of Work-Education Committee Task Team
- **Panellist** - Recognition of Prior Learning Assessments



Mr Lufuno Nematswerani Human Resource Specialist

Qualifications

1. MBA
2. Post graduate diploma in management
3. Honours in Human resource development
4. Several certificates in Human resources and labour relation
5. Currently doing my PHD in Human resource management

I have 23 years in Corporate Service and HUMAN capital. My skills include but not limited to:

1. Policy development
2. Dispute and conflict resolution
3. Corporate governance principles implementation
4. Occupational health and safety compliance implementation
5. Social and ethics compliance
6. Execution of audit implantation plan
7. Organizational design specialist
8. Training and development specialist
9. Recruitment specialist



Mr Vusi James Phailane Professional Architect

Vusi James Phailane is a professional architect registered with the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP). He served as council member on 5th term council for SACAP and chaired the IDOW and sub-committees. He is currently a chief architect for the Department of Public Works. He has been practicing architecture and worked for prominent architectural firms including GAPP architects and MMA architects.

Vusi has been instrumental in the publication of the Identification of work policy; has lead and worked collectively in the development and implementation of policies at SACAP. He has keen interest in research, developing mechanisms to empower the youth and women, assisting the empowerment of the previously marginalized.

His area of specialized expertise is research on factors impacting emerging architects in South Africa; identifying mechanisms to transform the architectural profession. He has a keen interest in construction project management, construction law, contract management and architectural design.

Education and credentials

- Vusi holds a Master of Science degree in Building, Construction Project Management obtained from the University of the Witwatersrand (2021).
- He has also obtained his Master's degree in Architecture (MArch. Professional, 2008) at the University of the Witwatersrand. A Bachelor of Architectural Studies with Honours (BArch. Honours, 2006); Bachelor of Architectural Studies (BAS, 2004) University Witwatersrand.
- Participant in the WISH, Workshop on International Social Housing Università della Svizzera Italiana, Mendrisio, Switzerland (2006).



Ms Singalakha Bongela Professional Architect

Singalakha is a registered Professional Architect who graduated from Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University with a Masters in Architecture in 2011. She started her architectural career in East London, Eastern Cape, where she gained experience in government infrastructure projects ranging from to Healthcare, Education, Sports and Recreation projects.

She then took her experience overseas where she worked for an architectural firm in England, she spent some being as an Architectural Assistant in a large practice gaining exposure and experience in various sectors and areas of practice. On her return from England she was appointed to as Head of Architecture in a multi-disciplinary consulting company in Johannesburg where she completed projects in Gauteng ranging from schools, office buildings, libraries and clinics.

In 2018 she took her skills to the Public Sector and currently holds a position as Chief Architect for the Limpopo Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure. Her portfolio in the Department is in Education Infrastructure, where she monitors the design and construction of schools in the Limpopo Province. She is currently overseeing the portfolio of 130 schools with infrastructure challenges, including storm damaged schools. Her passion is driven by a desire to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate, and believes architecture is a fundamental tool in affecting that change.



Mr Rolihlahla Vuzane Chartered Accountant

Rolihlahla is a Chartered Accountant, Business Accountant, a Master Tax Practitioner, and Independent Reviewer. He has a vast experience in public sector. He holds Matric certificates from Sisonke Secondary School, Uitenhage, the Bachelor of Accounting from Walter Sisulu University, the Post Graduate Diploma in Accounting (**UNISA**), and a Post Graduate Diploma in Accounting Sciences (**UNISA**). He is a small business sector specialist with more than 27 years of experience. Together with his experience as a Small Business Consultant, his area of interest is Taxation and Compliance.

He is also a principal researcher at Kancane Kancane Research Development Training and Education (RDTE). At Kunokhar Properties and Kunokhar Capital, he holds a position of a Chief Financial Officer, and of a Chief Investment Officer, respectively! Rolihlahla is also a training officer at Kunokhar CTP Inc., an establishment that focuses on Financial Accounting, Management Accounting, Training and development, Business management, Entrepreneurship, Graduate Development, Employee Performance, Risk, Compliance, and Taxation.

In addition to many of his other qualifications, he holds a Bachelor of Commerce in Law (**UNISA**), Post Graduate Diploma in Taxation (**UNISA**), Master of Commerce in Accounting (on a Full thesis) [With a specialisation in carbon tax, and other environmental levies] (**RU**).



Ms Kay-Lee Cupido Professional Architectural Draughtsperson

Kay-Lee Cupido is a Professional Architectural Draughtsperson and the office Manager at JZE Architects in Cape Town. She obtained her diplomas in Architectural Draughting and Business Management. Her work experience covers residential, commercial, retail and educational facilities. She found that being part of the solution can address the South African housing crisis and to be able to assist in providing safe spaces for all, is slowly becoming a passion. Developing safe and liveable human settlements.

Linked to the above; staying connected with worldly events and surroundings, patience, compassion and strength, led her to discover that good architecture should be a human right.

She is also the founder of the Sisterhood of the Architectural Pants, a mentorship program for young women in Architecture. The program aims to provide young women in architecture a safe platform, where they can unpack how they experience the challenges of the profession, whilst building their careers.

Cupido have also discovered the power of the pen and the written word and have written a few articles about our profession for the SACAP newsletter: *“Covid-19 Good Architecture is a Human Right”*, *“Covid-19 Class of 2020”*, *“The Changemakers”*, and *“Use your Words”*.

She believes that her boots on the ground approach to the profession is valuable and one of her strongest assets.



Mr Dhanashwar Basdew

Professional Senior Architectural Technologist

Mr. Dhanashwar Basdew, is a registered Professional Senior Architectural Technologist (NQF7 equivalent), and the Registered Principal of Dhanashwar Basdew and Associates cc which was established in 1994.

Originally from the Mechanical Engineering sector, he crossed over into the Architectural Sector, as he was always passionate about the built environment, being exposed to the Building Sector by his father at an early age.

He has obtained a Diploma in Project Management and passed the Estate Agency Board exams.

Dhanashwar has been an actively involved in the transformation of the built environment, especially the Architectural profession since 1987, when he was a member of the Institute of Building Design and getting the category of “Architectural Technologist” recognized. The then South African Council for Architects, which at the time could only recognize Professional Architects.

He has also been instrumental in the move for the now Identification of Works, since 1987, as means to allow other “categories” of persons to be recognized and allowed to undertake work they were trained for or exposed to, as the opportunities for the historically disadvantaged to obtain education and the training for the Architectural qualifications were limited then.

Dhanashwar was co-opted on to the SACAP Council in 2009 and has also served on SACAP’s 3rd Term Council, chairperson of SACAP Communication and Stakeholder Relations committee, and was a member of the following SACAP committees, Executive Committee, Investigation, Code of Conduct, Continuous Professional Development, Identification of Work, Professional Fees, and Registration. Dhanashwar continues to serve SACAP on the IDOW and the Registration Committee to date.

Dhanashwar was part of the delegation that represented SACAP at the UIA 2011 Tokyo 24th World Congress of Architecture. He also represented SACAP at various stakeholder engagements such as the SACAP representative at the Council for the Built Environment (ad-hoc committee for Professional Fees), *Union of International Architects 2014 Durban representative (Durban Organizing Committee)*.

Dhanashwar key contributions to the built environment profession was his initiative-taking, commitment, and dedication to assist SACAP achieve its strategic objectives, priorities, and transformational agenda. Advocating for transformation in education, for the historically disadvantaged architectural professionals. Defined the missing middle in architecture and made presentations to stakeholders including the Council for the Built Environment, who have adopted the concept as the missing middle in the Built Environment. Dhanashwar also championed the South African national development plan 2030 by creating awareness - spatial transformation, spatial integration, and spatial economy in the built environment through human settlements.

He has served on various organisations like the South African Institute of Building Design, even as the first non-white national Executive President of the organization in 2009 - 2013 and was a long-standing Board Member of the organization.

Serving the community and the less fortunate is in his blood, as he is currently an Exco and Board Member of the Verulam Child and Family Welfare Society and the current chairperson of the Social Work committee. Dhanashwar served on various structures of the Verulam Community Police Forum as chairperson of the R-TV CPSF, secretary of Sector 2 CPF and Secretary of VCPF, and organized community and entrepreneur capacity and leadership development courses for the historically disadvantaged.

THE 6TH TERM SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR THE ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION INAUGURATION

The South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP) is thrilled to announce the inauguration of the 6th Term Council, marking the commencement of a promising new era, which was held at the SACAP office on Friday 17 November 2023. The council is dedicated to upholding the integrity and excellence of the architectural profession in South Africa.

We are proud to introduce the elected President of the 6th term Council Mr. Charles Ntsindiso Nduku, and Ms Letsabisa Shongwe, as the Vice President of the 6th Term Council. The two candidates' previous roles as President and Vice President of the 5th Term Council underscores their exceptional leadership and commitment to the profession.

With a remarkable track record and extensive experience, the President and Vice President bring an intimate understanding of SACAP's mandate and an unwavering commitment to its mission. Under his guidance, we are confident that the Council will continue to flourish and advance the architectural profession.

"As the new President, I will lead a team, together, we will navigate challenges and opportunities, ensuring SACAP remains at the forefront of promoting architectural excellence, ethical conduct, and professionalism," said SACAP's new President.

The 6th Term Council Council is committed to prioritising the transformation of the architectural profession. In a significant move towards inclusion, four women, Ms. Letsabisa Shongwe, Ms. Mandisa Pepeta, Dr. Jennifer Mirembe, Ms. Kaylee Cupido, and Ms. Singalakhe Bongela, have been appointed as members of the Council.

The rest of the 6th Term Council is made up of Mr. Charles Nduku, Ms. Letsabisa Shongwe, Mr Kevin Bingham, Mr. Rolihlahla Vuzane, Mr Vusi Phailane, Dr. Jennifer Mirembe, Mr Lufuno Nematswerani, Mr. Dhanashwar Basdew, Ms. Mandisa Pepeta, Ms Kaylee Cupido, and Ms. Singalakhe Bongela.

The Council will build upon the achievements of the 5th Term Council while actively engaging with Voluntary Associations, registered persons, the government, and various stakeholders.

Mr Mpho Mashaba, on behalf of the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, emphasized, *"The 6th term Council must continue the good work of the 5th term and work even harder to deliver on SACAP mandates, advising the Government on all architectural-related issues."*

The SACAP Registrar, Advocate Toto Fiduli said *"SACAP is committed to regulating the profession. With the guidance of the 6th Term Council, we are well-positioned to shape the future of the profession and embrace the challenges and opportunities that lies ahead."*



CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: TO BUILD AND SA BUILDING REVIEW

In the world of construction and architecture, where innovation meets craftsmanship, two revered ABC-certified publications stand as pillars of insight and inspiration: **To Build** and **SA Building Review**. These prestigious magazines have long been the lodestar for professionals and enthusiasts alike, offering a panoramic view of the ever-evolving building industry landscape in South Africa.

To Build:

With an unwavering commitment to spotlighting architectural brilliance and cutting-edge trends, To Build magazine has been a beacon for those passionate about design, construction, and development. Its pages breathe life into the visionary ideas that shape our skylines, providing a platform where creativity converges with technical expertise.

The upcoming 2024 quarterly editions of To Build promise to be a compendium of groundbreaking projects and thought-provoking articles. As the final deadline looms, the anticipation for this quarterly published magazine intensifies. Its pages, poised to capture the essence of architectural marvels, are set to unfold narratives of innovation, sustainability, and unparalleled craftsmanship.



To Build: Current September - November 2023 Edition

SA Building Review:

On the other hand, the SA Building Review Annual publication stands tall as a definitive guide, delving deep into the intricate facets of the building industry. This publication is a testament to the dedication and tireless efforts of industry experts, presenting a comprehensive overview of projects, trends, challenges, and advancements within the construction sphere.

The imminent release of the 12th edition of SA Building Review 2024 marks yet another milestone in its legacy. A culmination of meticulous research, insightful analysis, and expert opinions, this edition aims to encapsulate the essence of progress within the South African construction domain. It stands as a testament to the resilience and adaptability of the industry in the face of evolving demands and global shifts.



SA Building Review: 2023 Edition

Bookings Now Open:

As the final touches are being crafted for the 2024 editions of both To Build and SA Building Review, the opportunity arises for industry players to seize the moment. The allure of being featured within the pages of these distinguished publications is not merely about recognition; it's about sharing groundbreaking ideas and contributing to the collective tapestry of architectural brilliance.

In a world where each blueprint tells a unique story, To Build and SA Building Review continue to serve as canvases where these stories are painted with finesse, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to excellence. As these magazines pave the way for the future of architecture and construction, their significance remains unparalleled, transcending mere pages to become indispensable companions in the journey of building greatness. Bookings for both To Build and SA Building Review, for the 2024 editions are now open, inviting contributions from those at the forefront of architectural innovation and construction excellence.

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FROM THE REGISTRAR'S DESK

As we close SACAP offices for the holiday season on 14 December 2023, administratively, we have optimized our internal processes, and improved efficiency and productivity. This has significantly improved the performance of SACAP as reflected on the quarterly reports. We thank each employee of SACAP for the tremendous effort put in this year towards achievements of our strategic goals. We hope you enjoy your well-earned downtime with friends and family.

A big thank you to the 5th term Council President, Vice President and the Council for their stewardship of the profession throughout the term of office. Over the term of office, the 5th term Council exercised their oversight and guidance duties rigorously and this led to the achievements of statutory mandates of SACAP in an ethical manner.

As we close this year, the 5th term Council finished their term of office knowing that they have achieved core statutory mandates of SACAP. The 6th term Council has been inaugurated and we look forward to another successful term of office.

Warmest Wishes for the Holiday Season to all registered architectural professionals who continue to play a critical role in the development of our communities, creating healthy 'built environments' that serve the needs of all citizens. Throughout the year, our registered professionals have shaped the places where people live, school and work, restoring and improving the social, economic, and physical aspects of our communities. Enjoy well earned downtime with family and friends.

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