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Dear Registered Person,

It seems that every year the months go past faster and faster. We've barely shaken off the warm fuzzy feeling of the end of year festive break that we already find ourselves at the end of February.

That said, both the Council and its various committees have been hard at work since returning to the office in January, and I'm pleased to bring you up to speed with what has transpired thus far.

You will be pleased to know that SACAP has engaged the services of a PR Agency and hopefully you would have noticed that there has been both increased media attention, coverage, and activity on our social media channels. If you are on Twitter and/or Facebook, I invite you to become part of our social communities and engage with us on these channels. **SACAP'S Twitter handle is @SACAPSA.**

On 28 January, SACAP hosted a media breakfast attended by members of the press from both trade and consumer media publications. This was a very exciting opportunity, together with SACAP President Yashaen Luckan, to sit down with members of the media. This was the first time in many years that we engaged directly with the media, and the feedback has been fantastic. . Perhaps you saw the article in the Business Report on the 29th of January detailing what was discussed regarding the professional fees?

This is the first of many SACAP/media engagements and we look forward to utilising the media as a means of keeping you updated on the bigger picture within the profession. We will also utilise the media to assist with communicating our objectives for the transformation, growth, development and regulation of the profession.

As you well know, SACAP is here to serve you and the interests of the profession, and it is with great excitement that I look forward to the first Stakeholder Engagement and Public Participation Forum to be held on the 10 March at the Birchwood in Boksburg. Topics to be covered on the day include the role of the Voluntary

Associations, matters related to Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), together with the very current topics of Identification of Work (IDoW) and Professional Fees. The registration numbers for the forum reflect massive interest and I look forward to you not only lending an ear, but to being part of the conversations on the day.

On that note, have you had an opportunity to see how the new Identification of Work (IDoW) is going to impact you as a professional, when you hand in your plans? While we will discuss it on the 10th, please remember that section 2.1 of the Code of Conduct is going to be governing you until the new IDoW Policy is published. Please check out the links further down to refresh your memory as to what the Code of Professional Conduct covers, and also the announcement we made with regards to the withdrawal of the current IDoW Policy.

You may also have read or heard that the Competition Commission has ruled against the Professional Fees guidelines within the broader built environment citing that it is anti-competitive. I'm glad to advise you that SACAP will be appealing this judgment in line with the Act. In terms of the Act, SACAP is permitted to regulate the architectural profession by issuing Guideline Professional Fees on an annual basis and thus protecting your interests.

We have planned a series of exciting programmes and activities for 2016, and I look forward to detailing them in my next letter to you. Until then, let's all do our bit to save water as we experience one of the worst droughts I can remember. So get out there, and continue designing structures that are not only beautiful and functional, but play a significant role in sustainable development.

Follow the links below if you wish to read a little more on some of the topics I've touched on.

- [Identification of Work \(IDoW\) – Draft Board Notice](#)
- [Professional Fees](#)
- [Stakeholder Engagement and Public Participation Forum](#)

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