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**SACAP E- Newsletter - April 2016**  
**From the desk of the Registrar – Edition : 03/2016**

Dear Registered Person,

At my desk today I cherish the opportunity to give you regular feedback on how we are transforming, growing and developing the profession and would also like to strive to close any gaps in understanding that arise in the due course of implementing regulatory processes.

Between now and my last newsletter to you, so many exciting developments have been at play: The first resolution from the **Stakeholders Engagement Forum (SEF)** is being actioned, we visited parliament to hear first-hand DPW's budget vote speech, Women in Architecture South Africa's (WiASA's) Task Team was appointed, a long-awaited international memorandum of understanding was signed, a bumper number of Professional Practice Exams (PPE) were written around the country and a few new Voluntary Associations (VA's) are wanting to come on board.

Before I give you more detail on those developments, top on my agenda is to let you know that I understand the frustration of any professional (representing themselves or a VA), who is still waiting for a definitive answer on the pressing questions raised at the **Stakeholders Engagement Forum (SEF)** on 10 March 2016. Questions relating to Continuing Professional Development (CPD), Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and Identification of Work (IDoW).

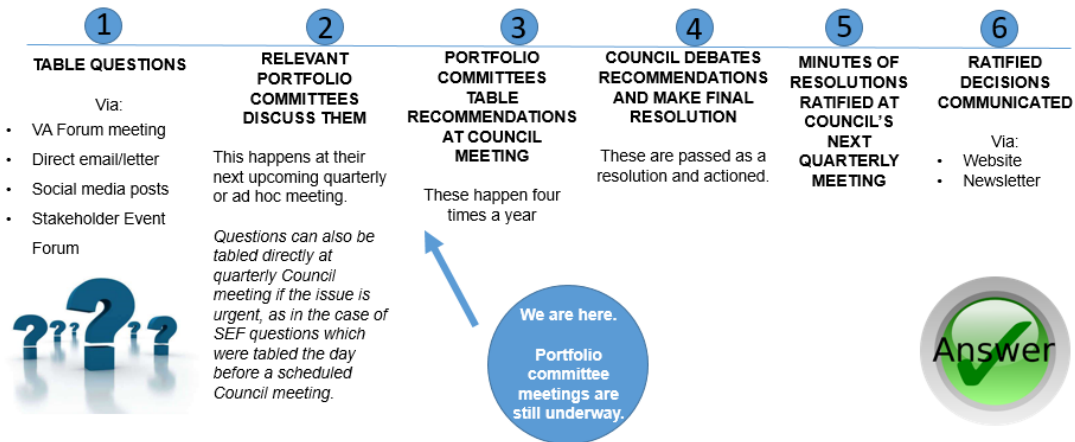


*Figure 1 Members of the profession engage with SACAP at the Stakeholders Engagement and Public Participation Forum held at Birchwood Hotel on 10 March 2016*

I'd like to take this opportunity to outline the protocols that we as a regulator and public protector adhere to, for the sake of good governance.

Council undertakes to resolve the way forward in each regard. Most important to highlight, is that Council only meets four times a year and CPD, RPL and IDoW portfolio committee meetings need to consider your questions and comments before tabling their recommendations to Council for Council's final decision. These portfolio committee meetings are underway now, in this third week of May. Decisions taken by Council's can only be communicated to you once the minutes of their last meeting have been ratified at the next quarter's Council meeting. Here is a summary timeline to demonstrate the process:

## HOW YOUR QUESTIONS GET ANSWERED



### Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

At this stage, I can confirm that your burning questions about **Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)** have been considered and addressed on 11 March (the day following the SEF) at the RPL portfolio committee meeting. We reached consensus that YM is the most effective and progressive vehicle to implement the procedure. Most importantly because it is cost effective for applicants and efficient in the long term. However, the set up time is incredibly time-intensive, taking longer than we originally anticipated. Do you know we are the first profession in South Africa to implement such a system? Our target is that it is fully up and running by August.

### SACAP: Press announcement in relation to DPW Budget Speech - 20 April 2016

Moving onto our recent visit to parliament, I'd like to highlight that being invited by the Minister of Public Works to be amongst the first to hear his budget vote speech is a good indicator of how seriously DPW regards our role within the Built Environment. We are pursuing and co-creating ever-increasing levels of engagement.



*Figure 2: Outside Parliament with Counsellor Rowan Ruiters, Chairman of the Stakeholder Relations Committee on 20 April 2016*

### **SACAP : Announces Women in Architecture South Africa (WiASA) Task Team**

As you would have seen in the media and from our own website, our transformation programme, Women in Architecture South Africa's (WiASA's) now has an appointed Task Team to drive the transformation objective we are deeply committed to. They task team will hold their first meeting next month, on 4<sup>th</sup> June and will be engaging with the profession in a variety of events, soon to be announced. This is the team:

## WiASA TASK TEAM



## **SACAP signs MOU with Architects' Council of Europe (ACE)**

On the international relations front, Our President Yashaen Luckan has recently returned from Berlin, Germany where he honoured our commitment to position the South African architectural profession within the global community. He signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SACAP and the Architects' Council of Europe (ACE) and news of this has been met with interest by the media.



*Figure 3 SACAP President Yashaen Luckan signs MoU with President of the Architects' Council of Europe Luciano Lazzari in Berlin, Germany on 22 April 2016*

## **Professional Practice Examination (PPE)**

It also gives me great pleasure seeing our profession growing at a healthy rate. A bumper number of candidates have just written their Professional Practice Exam (PPE): 689 in total, from all around the country. We will announce the results of these exams early in June. The exact date will be communicated to all Candidates during the first week of next month. Meanwhile the next PPE will be written in October 2016. All information pertaining to this exam will be published on SACAP's website by the end of June.



*Figure 4 Candidates write their PPE in Pretoria on 20 April 2016*

And last but in no way least, we are encouraged to see that there are now three new Voluntary Associations (VA's) looking to us for recognition. VAs have an important role to play in the implementation of CPD in that they can offer Category one activities, as well as validate and monitor activities offered (in Category one only) by other providers. We'll soon be communicating the date of the next VA Forum meeting.

It's been a productive, exciting and satisfying time in the life of SACAP and the best is that there many more positive developments in the pipeline.

For more detail on all I've described, follow these links to see press releases uploaded on our website:

- [Registrar/CEO's reflections on DPW's budget vote speech](#)
- [SACAP : Announces Women in Architecture South Africa \(WiASA\) Task Team](#)
- [SACAP signs MOU with Architects' Council of Europe \(ACE\)](#)
- [PPE Examination, 20 April 2016 - announcement of results](#)

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