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Dear Registered Person,

We close 2016 on a high after a very exciting and rewarding couple of months of hearing and engaging with your needs and insights on a variety of platforms.

Not only do we engage with a growing number of architectural professionals on social media, we found your participation in our recent first ever virtual #ArchitecturalEducation Think Tank on 7 December very constructive. As it was on 8 December in the soft launch of our Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) programme, a key driver of the profession's transformation. We convened both events in our elegant new offices which are now equipped with video conferencing facilities, which serves to enhance our communication with you, as we are invested in supporting you as the profession who ignites the design process of inspired Built Environment projects and are the apex of conceptualising and creating the Built Environment.

Our #ArchitecturalEducation Think Tank consisted of a special panel and audience who numbered close on 50 people. We addressed the question of what role the profession can play to ensure that education helps maintain your prominent position within the Built Environment. Joining us was the Chair of the National Architectural Student Committee, academics from WITS, the leadership of our Voluntary Associations (VAs), Principals of Architectural Practices and registered professionals, researchers from the Council for the Built Environment, as well as SACAP's own leadership.

We were honoured to have Ashraf Garda, SAFM Radio host and head of Champion South Africa facilitate it for us. Some of the tabled creative ideas, centered on collaboration which we will be sharing with you in the new year so that you can be part of the solution to keep your profession thriving.

Also, of particular interest is that a number of journalists have taken note of SACAP's leadership with regards to its RPL programme. On 8 December they attended our soft launch of the programme presented by the President, Yashaen Luckan. We've been proud to announce the mechanics of the two phase process which includes an online self-assessment component, as well as assessment panels to be convened around the country on demand. Representatives from a few of our VAs were present, along with the Registered Persons (RP's) who were part of the online BETA testing process. All registered persons will gain access to this RPL section of our website in January 2017.

Another public platform we stepped onto in the last few months was the Building Control Officers (BCO) Convention on 24 November, hosted by the National Regulator for Compulsory Standards (NRCS). We were invited to unpack SACAP's Public Protection mandate for all those attending.

A few other milestones have been coming one step closer to being appointed as a recognised agency for the Canberra Accord – the validation system which facilitates the portability of educational credentials between participating countries.

For those following news of our VAs, we are pleased to announce that we've formally validated and welcomed two new bodies; namely the African Institute of Interior Design Professions (IID) and Freedom Architecture Consulting Empowerment (FACE). A new Memorandum of Understanding has also been signed with our other VAs, heralding an era of strengthened collaborative relationships.

Your commitment to practicing with a licence and keeping the Built Environment safe has been overwhelmingly evident. Over 90% of our Register paid their registration fees within this cycle (after March 2016 and within the 60 day grace period provided for by the Architectural Act).

For those whose registration was cancelled, please help us to help you for the good of people-centred architecture next year. To help us speedily process your payment, please remember to clearly state your reference number.

We do take extensive measures (reminder phone calls, smses and emails) to provide you with every opportunity to be in good professional standing.

As our 4th Term Council gains steady momentum in realising our vision, we look forward to moving forward with all our developing key Transformation programmes next year. In addition to RPL and Women in Architecture South Africa (WiASA), the National Architectural Student Council will also enjoy our full support and attention.

In conclusion, please note that SACAP's offices will close for the holiday period from **12 noon on Thursday, 15 December** and will be open on **Tuesday 3 January 2017**.

Until then please continue to join our conversation on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SACAPOfficialPage or follow us on Twitter [@SACAPSA](https://twitter.com/SACAPSA). I look forward to hearing from you. Please feel free to contact me directly on registrar@sacapsa.com or tweet me [@OREillyMarella](https://twitter.com/OREillyMarella)

I wish you and your loved ones all safe travels and a well-deserved rest over this holiday period, as well as all the very best for 2017!

Sincerely



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