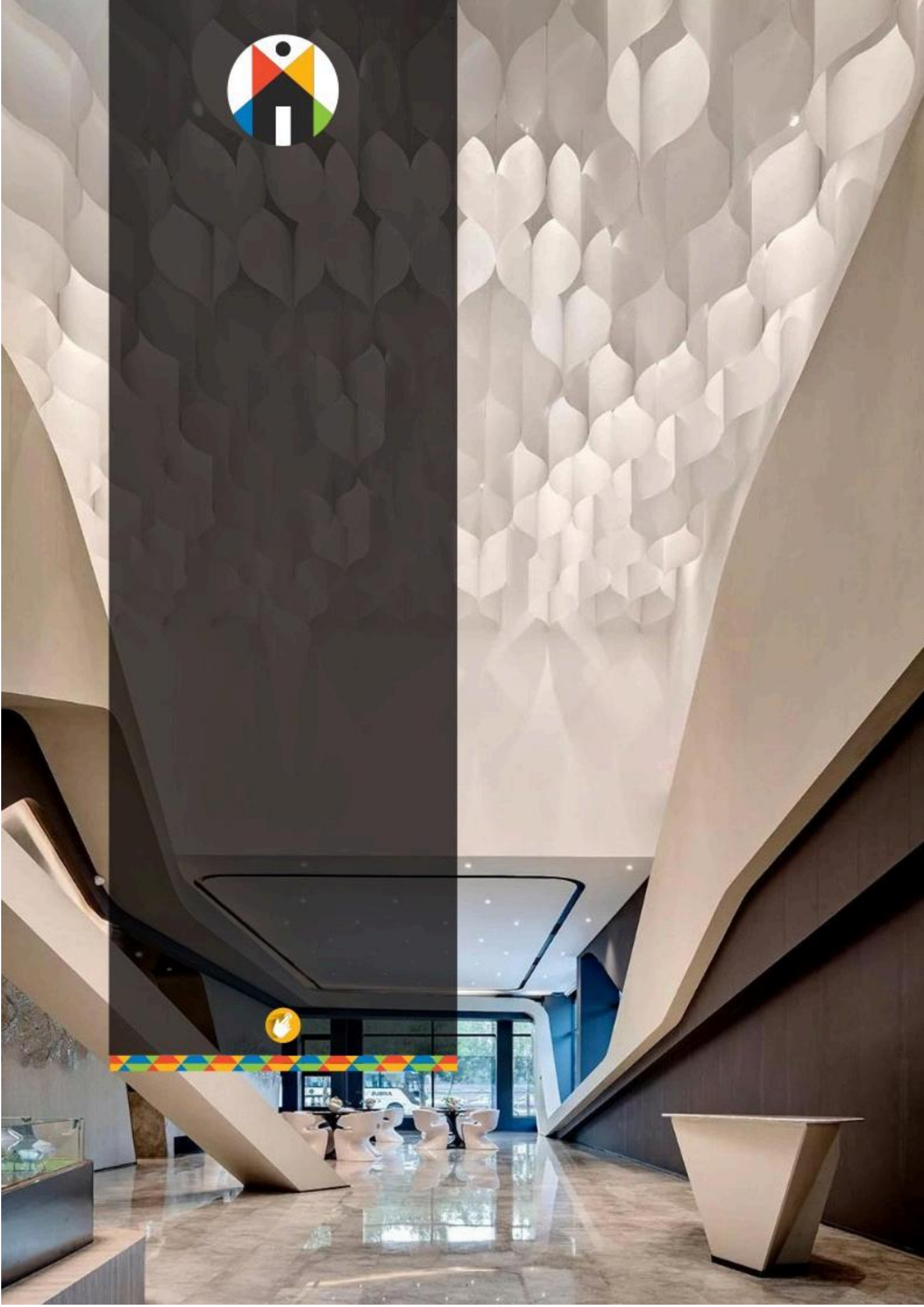


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Editor's Note

Dear readers,

Welcome to the latest SACAP newsletter, where we explore diverse facets of architecture, focusing on empowering the next generation. This edition delves into critical discussions shaping our profession. From Kay-Lee Cupido's insights on challenges for young architects to innovative emergency housing solutions and advancements in architectural design tools, each article prompts reflection on our current stance and future aspirations.

Zamaqoco Gqiba's journey to becoming a registered architect inspires resilience and determination. Nadira Haripersadh advocates for universal design principles, emphasizing inclusivity and accessibility.

This quarter, SACAP advances its Architectural Profession mandate through roadshows and apprenticeship programs. Successful CPD webinars and collaborations with local authorities demonstrate our commitment to stakeholder engagement. Positive feedback

from our service satisfaction survey underscores our dedication to excellence, reinforcing public trust by addressing misconduct.

Your engagement with our newsletter enriches our discourse. Thank you for supporting SACAP as we navigate achievements and challenges together. Let's empower the next generation of architects and foster a future defined by innovation, inclusivity, and excellence.

– **Brenda Phake:** Acting Stakeholder Relations Manager

"We are considerate and relevant to our stakeholders"

Feedback

To all readers – we want to hear from you!

Your feedback continues to be invaluable! If you have any feedback, articles you would like to submit, or suggestions regarding our content, please reach out to our Acting Stakeholder Manager, **Ms. Brenda Phake**, at **Brenda.Phake@sacapsa.com**. We look forward to hearing from you!

HAPPY Reading!







- l. Recommended to a client to commence with the erection of a building without the approval of the local authority.
- m. Failure to ensure that the practice name is in accordance with the registration category of the registered principal of the practice.
- n. Failure to regularly undertake continuing professional development activities to ensure that they keep up to date with developments in the practice of architecture and to enhance and maintain their professional expertise and competence.
- o. Failure to supervise the works of the contractor as per the appointment.
- p. Unauthorised use of a registered principal's registration number to submit applications to the local authority for approval.
- q. Leasing a title block and providing professional indemnity insurance details to unregistered persons to submit drawings to the local authority for approval.
- r. Unauthorised use of another registered professional architectural work. (Copyright infringement)

Unregistered persons

The Act makes it an offense for a person who is not registered to perform any kind of work identified for any category of registered persons. Overall, we have handled 120 complaints against unregistered persons this financial year and 108 cases were reported to the South African Police Services for investigation and prosecution. Some unregistered persons were found guilty by a court of law for performing architecture without registration.

The offenses created by the Act are not generally known by the South African Police Services (SAPS). Therefore, we constantly engage with the SAPS to raise awareness about these offenses created by the Act. We had a successful engagement with the Muizenburg SAPS during the quarter and more engagement will follow in the next quarter.

Local Authorities

Local authorities are key stakeholders of SACAP; therefore, we continue to engage them to deal with the challenges registered architectural professionals face when submitting planning applications. This quarter, we engaged with Govan Mbeki, the City of Ekurhuleni and Matzikama Municipalities. We are collaborating with local authorities to improve the quality of planning applications submitted by registered architectural professionals and address the delays and poor communication challenges.

To improve the standard of services offered by registered persons to the public, particularly to improve the quality of planning applications, local authorities provided us with referral reports indicating reasons for refusing planning applications. Based on the reports, we undertook CPD training activities on the National Building Regulations and Standards Act and South African National Standards 10400 to improve compliance with the standards and the approval rate. The webinar was held on 16 February 2024. We have planned more webinars for the 1st quarter.

Fees & Charges

To alleviate pressure on registered persons on annual fees payable to SACAP. We have introduced a debit order payment mechanism to those registered persons who wish to pay annual fees through a debit order. We encourage all registered persons who are interested to contact us urgently so that we can facilitate the debit order payment.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

CPD is a statutory requirement to safeguard professional development in the profession, and it essentially ensures that registered professionals take measures to constantly upskill themselves on new developments. This quarter we received 3539 CPD claims from registered professionals. We approved 3490 and declined 49 CPD claims. Overall, for the entire year, we received 22,454 CPD claims. This is very significant and it demonstrates that registered professionals continue to sharpen their skills and update their knowledge as required by the Act.

Accreditation visits

Accreditation visits are important to keep in check the quality and standard of architecture education in South Africa. In essence, accreditation is a quality assurance process that ensures that quality standards of architecture education are maintained by educational institutions.

In pursuance of this responsibility of accreditation visits, this quarter we conducted a full accreditation visit to 1 educational institution. The accreditation report is awaiting ratification by the SACAP Council. We also conducted an advisory visit to 1 educational institution and an accreditation visit will be undertaken at a later stage. We continue to engage with the Colleges that offer certificate programs in architecture and are not accredited to regularise these programs and then prepare for a SACAP accreditation visit.

Education fund

SACAP administers an education fund for education, training, and continuing education and training of registered persons and students in the architectural profession. An education fund is in place and the Council approved a policy on how the funds should be paid out to deserving students.

This quarter we granted 11 students bursaries to further their honours and master's degrees. We are happy that the SACAP education fund provides the financial resources necessary for architectural students to receive a quality education.

CETA Grant – Candidacy Programme

SACAP was awarded a Discretionary Grant for 30 candidates from the Construction Education and Training Authority for the candidacy program. The Programme will commence in the 1st quarter of the new financial year. The duration of the program is 36 months. This is critical to alleviate mentorship challenges in the architecture profession and advance the skills pipelines.

We are very thankful for all the architecture practices that opened their doors to the mentees to receive practical training and prepare for professional practice examinations. We call upon any practice that can assist candidates who struggling to find mentorship to contact SACAP.

Conclusion

We are grateful to the President, Vice President, Committee Chairpersons, and all Council members for steering the direction of SACAP to realize our core purpose. We are also grateful to the Management and employees of SACAP for ensuring that the plans of the Council are fully implemented.





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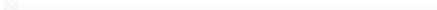
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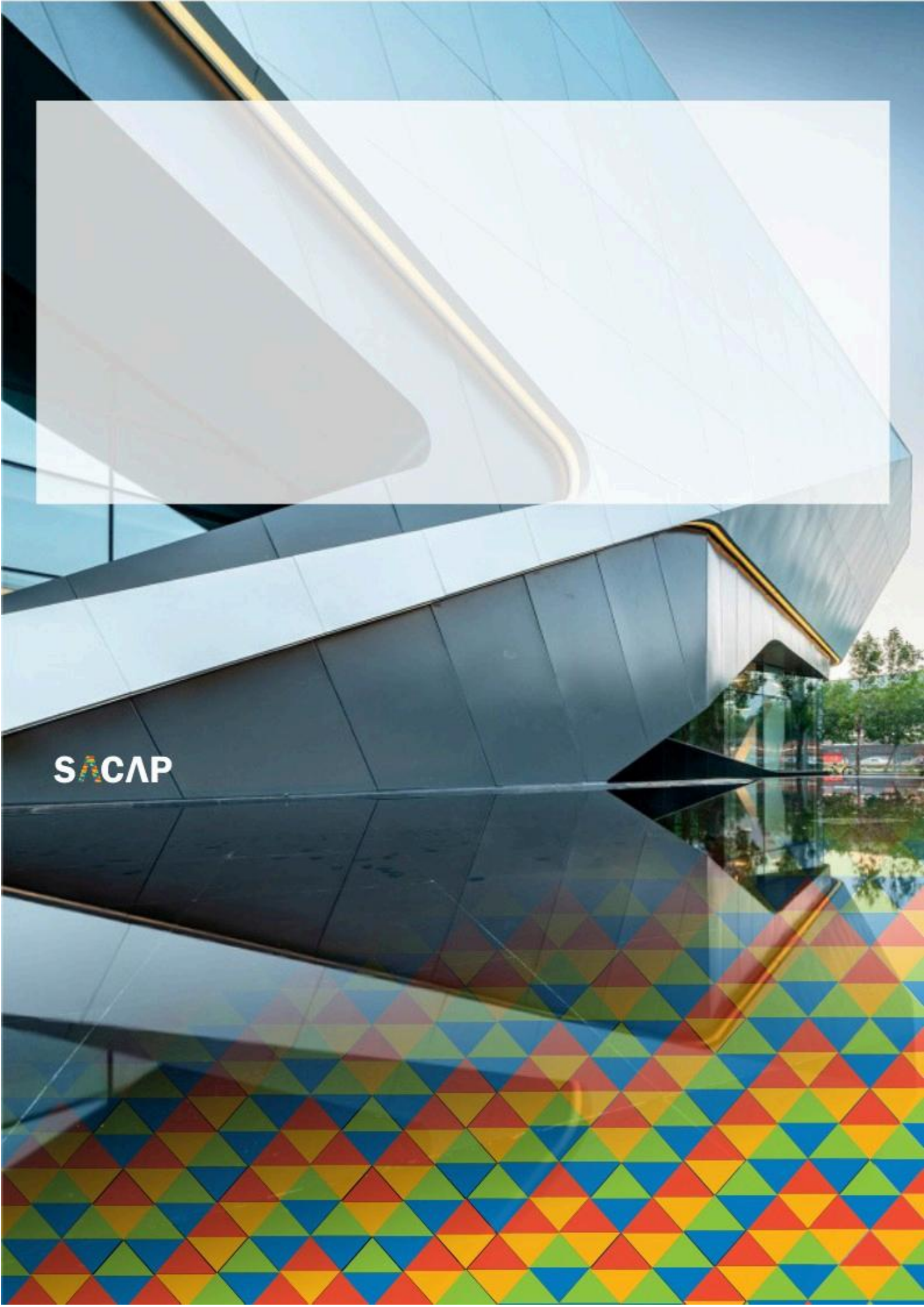




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