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WORLD TOWN PLANNING DAY 2014 5-6-7 NOVEMBER

Professional planning organizations around the world will mark World Town Planning Day 2014 with an international online conference on:

EQUALITY IN THE CITY

Making Cities Socially Cohesive

In April 2014, thousands of participants in World Urban forum 7 gathered at Medellín, Colombia, culminating in the WUF7 Declaration calling for '*urban plans and policies that link current urban development with future needs, and that are solidly grounded in the fundamental principles of equity, justice and human rights*'.

The focus of the 2014 WTPD online conference will be to showcase and celebrate such plans and policies around the world. We seek examples of projects, tools and programs that:

- have achieved measurable improvements towards social cohesion

WTPD 2014



**EQUALITY IN
THE CITY**

**CALL
FOR
PAPERS**

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- can be replicated around the world to address similar issues in other communities
- are inclusive and engage with all sectors of the community.

You are invited to contribute to the 6th Online Conference for World Town Planning Day by submitting a paper relating to the conference title and the following session themes:

Inclusivity

- How do we develop programmes and policies that address the needs of marginalized groups?
- How do we strengthen civic engagement amongst marginalized people?

Governance

- How can urban governance contribute to social cohesion?
- How can we improve co-operation and co-ordination between different levels of government?

Laws / Regulations

- Can laws/ regulations/ statutory instruments enhance equality in urban areas?
- Can planning laws mitigate the exclusionary effects often created by planning laws?
- Any truly innovative approaches to a planning process that reflect social complexities

Knowledge

- How can we use the power of technology to foster social cohesion?
- What innovations have been put into practice to increase information and knowledge transfer to communities?

Grassroots Involvement

- What factors impede grassroots participation in development programmes?
- How can we encourage grassroots participation in governance?

Access

- Gated communities: what are the security, social and economic consequences?
- Privatization of public space: whose right to the city's spaces?

Unintended Consequences

- A place to explain bravely, ideas that didn't quite work out, or had unexpected results

Feedback on SPLUMA
Branch: SPLUM—DRDLR

Municipal Readiness Assessment

The process of assessing municipal readiness to implement the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act (SPLUMA) is complete. The Department is now engaged with the analysis of the results of the readiness assessment.

The analysis will be used to assess the state of readiness of each municipality to implement SPLUMA, which will in turn inform:

- Municipal action plans
- Municipal training requirements
- Municipal capacity building initiatives
- Provincial implementation plans

SPLUMA Commencement

The President has been requested by the Minister for Rural Development and Land Reform to bring SPLUMA into operation. The proposed commencement dates are:

- 1 July 2014 : Chapters 1-5 and Chapter 7
- 1 September 2014 : Chapter 6

The President may choose to assent to the proposed commencement dates, or determine other commencement dates as he sees fit.

SPLUMA Regulations

A final working draft of the Regulations to SPLUMA is being prepared, and it is intended to publish the final

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Reinventing Planning, Changing Lives

working draft regulations for public consultation by the end of June 2014.

Call for Articles

SACPLAN Bulletin urge all registered persons to contribute to this newsletter and to share interesting news, dates, facts, happenings, projects, etc. regarding planning and development issues.

Focus on the University of the Witwatersrand

PLANNING AT WITS



UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND, JOHANNESBURG

Main Objectives

The Planning Programme at the University of the Witwatersrand is the oldest planning programme in the country, and it continues to be in the forefront of planning education. It is one of the programmes offered by the School of Architecture and Planning (SoAP). The School itself is one of seven located in the Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment (FEBE).

The overall aim of the Planning Programme is to provide an excellent environment for teaching, learning and research in the field of planning. The Programme seeks to produce skilled professionals who are able to operate intelligently and ethically within complex and changing environments. We aim to develop planners who can respond to the changing demands of practice over the longer term, who can learn on the job, and can adapt their practice to problems at hand.

Our objective is to promote deep learning, and develop values and understanding that enable our graduates to find a perfect match with current market demands. The goal is not to produce a certain kind of planning, but a certain evolution in planning intelligence. We therefore put stress on developing critical thinking and problem-solving abilities, exploring theoretical debates, and undertaking

projects that directly engage with the realities of urban and regional transformation.

Qualifications

The Planning Programme is currently offering a three year Bachelor of Science (Urban and Regional Planning) (BSc URP) at NQF Level 7 together with the one year Bachelor of Science Honours (Urban and Regional Planning) (BSc URP Hons) at NQF Level 8. The Honours degree is accredited by the South African Council for Planners (SACPLAN) and it enables graduates to register as professional planners with the Council after two years of relevant work experience.

There is also a one year full time Post-Graduate Diploma in Planning (PG Dip) and a one year Masters in Development Planning (MSc DP). The PG Dip caters for people who come with a three year or four year degree from the cognate disciplines such as architecture, engineering, geography, sociology, history, anthropology, etc. It is geared towards people who have a strong social grounding and require training towards developing practical and strategic planning skills to undertake physical and socio-economic changes in the built environment. It is intended to provide an opportunity for graduates who want to do professional work in planning to make a difference to humanity.

SACPLAN's VISION

To pioneer the founding spirit of innovation in the facilitation of sustainable and inclusive development in the planning profession.

The MSc DP degree is designed to enable students holding the post-graduate diploma in planning or equivalent to qualify as professional planners. Students with an honours degree or equivalent from an accredited urban and regional planning programme may also undertake the degree. The degree provides students with the ability to analyse issues, develop plans, and advise policymakers on the growth and development of built environments with the intent of making them more just, more equitable, and more prosperous.

The MSc DP is offered together with other Masters qualifications in the School through shared courses. These are Masters in Urban Studies (research oriented); Urban Design (design focused); Built Environment (settlements/housing focused) and MArch in Sustainable and Energy Efficient Cities (SEEC) (energy efficiency focused). There is also the Masters in Urban and Regional Planning which is offered by research. Furthermore, there are opportunities for PHD and Post-doctoral studies in the programme.

Teaching

Teaching in the Planning Programme at Wits is an invitation to think and act differently. Rather than “teaching as banking” in which the educator deposits information into students’ heads, like Paulo Freire, the Brazilian philosopher on education, the Programme views teaching and learning as a process of inquiry in which the student must invent and reinvent the world. It seeks to develop the knowledge, wisdom, and imagination of its students to enable them to take leadership positions in an effort to improve people’s quality of life.

The Planning programme at Wits incorporates a particular pedagogical philosophy in its approach to teaching and learning. Amongst other things we value studio based learning, experiential learning, problem solving, field trips, and oral assessments. The studio approach helps expose students to a range of diverse contexts and experiences, requires engagement with complex multi-faceted problems

and real-life situations, and helps mentor students into an ethical and professional form of conduct (through interacting with individuals, communities and organisations which shape and are affected by their proposals).

The Programme provides innovative teaching and learning which combines community service with research. This has been done through the Yeoville Studio which ran between 2010-2011. The current studio is focused on Rosettenville. This studio places the School and its research centre, Centre for Urban and Built Environment Studies (CUBES) at the forefront of intellectually based work in studies outside the university. In addition, there are weekly events that showcase many research aspects of the School through seminars, exhibitions, workshops and lectures.

Close collaboration through partnerships with universities, such as Sheffield, Sao Paulo, New York amongst others has positioned the Programme to play a key role in academic research. A partnership with UCT’s African Centre for Cities (ACC) has enabled the Programme and CUBES to lead the development of the City Studies field in South Africa through workshops, conferences and a network with many research entities.

The Programme has undoubtedly achieved higher levels of academic excellence, as evidenced by growth of the numbers of associate professors, attraction of an NRF funded SARChI chair, staff who have achieved an NRF-rating, energetic research output including the publication of a number of books, and completion of doctorates by academic staff as well as pursuit of several PhDs studies among staff. Students are thus exposed to a higher level of excellence than before.

Wits Planning Graduates

The Wits planning graduate is encouraged to be:

- A critical thinker who integrates questioning, analysis, synthesis, interpretation, inference, and inductive and deductive reasoning in the



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promotion of sustainable and contextually appropriate action for planning.

- A culturally sensitive graduate who demonstrates knowledge, understanding, and skill in providing knowledge to diverse individuals, communities and populations.
- An effective communicator who demonstrates proficient professional communication with interdisciplinary team members to build relationships that promotes person- and relationship-centred decisions for planning.
- An ethical decision maker who demonstrates moral, disciplined and legal conduct in practice with the ability to work with a wide variety of people.
- A contextual innovator who is responsive to issues using the appropriate theoretical and technical knowledge to foster planning that promotes mutual respect, dignity and choice.
- An adept and adaptable graduate who can research, negotiate, use technology, write and report/present professionally with particular sensitivity to different viewpoints.

We invite you to investigate our website, visit our facilities, and embark on a career in this exciting profession. See our website on: http://www.wits.ac.za/academic/ebe/16603/urban_regional_and_development_planning.html

Information on application is on: <http://www.wits.ac.za/prospective/11628/prospective.html>.

Bursaries are on: http://www.wits.ac.za/prospective/financialaid/11600/financial_aid_home.html.



**SACPLAN LinkedIn Group
approaching the 1000 mark**

The SACPLAN LinkedIn group was established and is aimed at professional networking among registered planners, to serve as a discussion forum, to facilitate the sharing of experiences, views and opinions

between young and mature professionals, and as a platform for the seeking of advice.

The SACPLAN LinkedIn group currently have 963 members.

Members of this group are urged to use this forum to network with other registered planners, to discuss issues, experiences, views and opinions. This would then also help young professionals to gain from more mature professionals. Please also use this as a platform for seeking advice.

Some of the current discussions are:

- The inability of qualified planners to infiltrate the planning market
- Urban and Regional Planner is 84th on the National Scarce Skills List
- Professional Fees for Planners

Job opportunities are also uploaded on a constant basis. In this regard you are requested to assist with the uploading of any know positions in your organisations.

If you are not a member yet please use the link provided and submit a request. If the email you use on LinkedIn is different from the one on the SACPLAN Database, you will be requested to provide your email address as well as registration number. This is also a way to ensure that SACPLAN has your correct contact details to enable us to communicate effectively with you. The SACPLAN has also sent out invitations to registered planners to join the SACPLAN LinkedIn group. There are a number of you that have not accepted this invitation, and you are each to do that.

The link to the SACPLAN LinkedIn Group is http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=3851414&trk=myg_ugrp_ovr

The SACPLAN is currently in the process of sending out invoices for the payment of Annual Fees. Please remember to use your registration number as the reference when making the payment.

Please also provide the SACPLAN with a copy of the proof of payment.



LAMENTING THE ABSENCE OF SECTION 60: SPLUMA

Following the recent plea by the South African Property Owners Association (SAPOA) for the Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform, Mr Gugile Nkwinti to facilitate a speedy conclusion to the bringing into effect of the provisions of Section 60 of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 (SPLUMA), **Peter Dacomb** confirms that the Association of Consulting Professional Planners has also approached the Honourable Minister in solidarity with SAPOA.

According to the SAPOA submissions, an estimated R12 Billion in property development value is being frustrated by the impasse surrounding the coming into effect of Section 60 of SPLUMA.

In the Provinces of Gauteng, Mpumalanga, North West, Limpopo, KwaZulu-Natal, Eastern Cape and Northern Cape, various land development areas were approved by the then Provincial Development Tribunals under the provisions of the Development Facilitation Act, 1995. Because of the Constitutional Judgements which rendered certain chapters of the DFA unconstitutional, many of the decisions of the various provincial tribunals were not brought into effect and remained in abeyance.

The much lauded and awaited SPLUMA legislation came into effect in August 2013 but, curiously, incorporated a provision under Section 61 which reads as follows:

"This Act is called the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act, 2013 and comes into operation on a date fixed by the President by proclamation in the Gazette.

The President may set different dates for different provisions of this Act to come into operation".

To date, no such further proclamations have occurred.

The bone of contention on the part of SAPOA (and supported by the SAACPP) pertains to Section 60 which, inter alia, provides for the following:

"All applications, appeals or other matters pending before a tribunal established in terms of Section 15 of the Development Facilitation Act, 1995 (Act 67 of 1995), at the commencement of this Act, that have not been decided or otherwise disposed of, must be continued and disposed of in terms of this Act.

A reference to a tribunal in terms of Section 15 of the Development Facilitation Act, 1995 must, for the purposes of deciding or otherwise disposing of any application, appeal or other matters pending before a tribunal at the commencement of this Act, must be construed as a reference to a local or metropolitan municipality".

In other words, the R12 Billion property development initiatives currently treading water as a result of prior decisions of the various provincial tribunals may be "unlocked" by a simple proclamation in the Government Gazette as contemplated in Section 61 of SPLUMA. It is understood that the resource capacity of municipalities to deal with the added obligations emanating from Section 60 of SPLUMA were foremost in the minds of the officials responsible for this matter (Rural Development and Land Reform).

It would serve no practical purpose to foist the aforesaid responsibilities on various municipalities throughout the country without creating sufficient capacity and knowledge to deal with such matters. Whilst municipalities at a metropolitan level may be expected to have sufficient capacity, knowledge and experience to deal with these matters without experiencing undo difficulties, the same cannot be said of smaller municipalities elsewhere.

To this end, the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform embarked upon a campaign to inform municipalities and to assist in creating the mechanisms to receive and process applications contemplated in Section 60 of SPLUMA. A type of "manual" was developed by the National Department and made available to municipalities to deal with practical and technical matters such as:

- the required resolutions to be passed by the

various municipal councils in order to bring the systems into place to deal with the provisions of Section 60 of SPLUMA;

- practical arrangements to identify and delegate authority to certain officials or committees within the municipalities to deal with matters previously embarked upon in terms of the Development Facilitation Act; and
- to anticipate the practical challenges which may be faced by municipal officials in having to deal with multi-layered decisions of prior tribunals, also on issues which are typically not decided by municipalities. These may extend to include changes to general plans, extensions of boundaries of townships, the setting aside of the authority of certain legislation such as Act 70 of 1970, cost orders and the like.

Apart from the recent election and the "go slow" generally associated with the period immediately prior to the election day, there appear to be no specific obstacles in the way of the Honourable Minister Nkwinti to facilitate a speedy publication of the notice in the Government Gazette as explained herein.

In the submissions to the Department of Rural Development of Land Reform, SAPOA and the Association lamented the implications of holding the various development initiatives in abeyance. The high unemployment rate which plagues the country, the less than satisfactory economic growth and the general cost of financing land development projects combine to suggest that, in the absence of unlocking the problem associated with Section 60 of SPLUMA, there may be disastrous consequences for this important sector of the economy.

The SAACPP is under no illusion that, once the provisions of Section 60 of SPLUMA come into practical effect, it will be no "easy ride" to bring the various pending matters to fruition. The property development process remains complicated and challenging and a lack of experience and knowledge within certain municipal jurisdictions will undoubtedly result in various frustrations. The consulting professional planning fraternity will inevitably be called upon to assist in facilitating these matters on behalf of property developers throughout the country.

All concerned with therefore be well advised to steel themselves for what lies ahead. As the saying goes: "It is time to throw a Planner in the works".

Post Script: Breaking news Breaking news Breaking news!!!

The Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform responded on 23 May 2014 and confirmed, inter alia, that, on 1 July 2014, Sections 1 to 32 and 53 to 61 of SPLUMA will be enacted by way of a Government Gazette Notice. The balance of the Act is proposed to come into effect in September 2014.

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News from the South Region

The draft Cape Town Municipal Planning By-Law is currently in the process of public participation and the closing date for comments is 24 June 2014. The SAACPP south region committee is preparing to co-ordinate and submit comments on behalf of its members to the City and would like to urge members to familiarise themselves with the draft planning by-law, attend the information session and to submit input and comments either to the City of Cape Town directly and/or to the committee members responsible for co-ordinating the SAACPP south region comments, i.e. Stuart Denoon-Stevens (stuart@terraplan.co.za) and Paul Olden (paul@udwc.co.za).



Planning Africa Conference 2014

MAKING GREAT PLACES

2014 SAPI NATIONAL PLANNING AWARDS

The South African Planning Institute (SAPI) is proud to announce the 2014 SAPI National Planning Awards that will be presented at the forthcoming 2014 Planning Africa Conference being held from 19 to 22 October 2014 at the International Convention Centre (ICC), Durban.

Many planners working in both the public and private sector in South Africa continue to play an important role in shaping our built environment and promoting sustainable development. These planners need to be appreciated for their efforts and contributions in maintaining the integrity of good planning practice amidst competing development interest and challenging situations.

The National Planning Awards of SAPI was established in 2008 to reflect on and recognise the valuable contributions that individuals and organisations make, to inspire their continued involvement and those of others and to promote the key role of the planning profession in public life. It recognizes valuable contributions and extraordinary performance in all aspects of the planning profession and a strong awareness of the planning profession among related professions, all sectors and the general public.

The National Planning Awards has become more prestigious and the interest has significantly grown among members and the public. Winners of the

National Planning Awards will receive a specially designed award of recognition and will be recognized at the awards ceremony which will take place during the SAPI National Planning Awards and Gala Dinner on Tuesday, **21 October 2014**. The winners and shortlisted finalists and their work will be profiled and featured to promote lesson sharing and information on good and interesting practice.

Call for Nominations

SAPI would like to invite the public and planning fraternity to make their nominations for the 2014 SAPI National Planning Awards in the various categories listed on our website: <http://www.sapi.org.za/content/awards-and-honours>

General Eligibility and Requirements

Closing date for nominations is Thursday, **30 June 2014**.

Nominations for all categories, excluding the Member Service category, are open for SAPI members and non-members. Current serving SAPI National Board members are not eligible for nomination in the mentioned categories.

- A nominee for the Member Service category must be a current SAPI member.
- A nominee may only be nominated once and in only one category.
- Nominations are received in electronic format only. Nominations must be sent by e-mail to info@sapi.org.za.

Only complete nominations will be considered.

The SAPI National Planning Awards Selection Panel will consider nominations and the shortlisted finalists will be notified by Friday, **31 July 2014**.



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General News from SAPI

The South African Planning Institute has successfully held their first workshops in Johannesburg, Gauteng and Cape Town, Western Cape on SPLUMA. The workshop covers the following:

- A short history of planning legislation in South Africa and the applicable province;
- An overview of SPLUMA and its contents;
- The development of new Spatial Development Frameworks, contents thereof and the implications on municipalities and municipal planners;
- Land use management under SPLUMA, and the implications on municipalities;
- Land development management under SPLUMA and what this requires from Planners

SAPI would like to invite all town planning professionals to participate in the workshops.

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Newly Registered Planners

The following applications for registration with SACPLAN were approved during the last Council Meeting:

As Professional Planners:

Mr. Butterworth Thomas William; Ms. Coetsee Karien; Mr. Watson Gert Stefanus; Mr. Jordan Richard Nathaniel Roux; Mr. Joubert Armandt André; Mrs. Dwane Tinyiko Thandy; Mr. Masindi Khaukanani Eric; Ms. Longland Jani; Mr. Nair Sashin; Mr. Chetty Thavanesan; Mrs. Pelser El – May; Ms. Combrink Aneri; Mr. Erasmus Carl Johannes Theron; Mr. Mpulo Bongumusa Benedict; Mr. McBrown Kiko Lopo; Ms. Ngobe Asanda-Futhi Sandra; Mr. Phasane Tshedza Meshack; Mr. Schlechter Louis Hugo;

Mr. Musvoto Godfrey Gombana; Mr. Wagener Werner; Mr. Balie Quinton Joseph; Mr. de Ridder Andries; Mr. Sirayi Xolisa; Mr. Coetzee Maarten Jacobus Petrus; Mr. Mathobo Fulufhelo; Ms. Shortles Anthea Arlene; Mr. Motshologane Obakeng Thato Enock; Mr. Mariette Paul Niclesse; Mr. Jonker Matthys Johannes; Mr. Magau Gudani; Ms. Hintsa Kanyisa; Mr. Mac Carron Gerard Michael; Ms. Mpotshane Precious Slindile; Mr. Dyers Shaun Ashley; Mr. Hay Ashley; Ms. Koen Marli; Ms. Lushaba Masande Zintle; Mr. Van Niekerk Stefan; Mrs. Wansbury Michéle; Mr. Van Der Merwe Schalk Willem; Mr. Minne Marcel; Ms. Soomar Raesa; Mr. Moonsamy Vernon; Mrs. Schlemmer Suzanne Joel; Ms. Ndlovu Patience Ntombifikile; Ms. Sitole Rirhandzu Mavis; Mr. Masuku Sandile Titus; Ms. Marais Elmari; Ms. Vazi Zimasa Yolanda; Mr. Modiba Ngoako; Ms. Mndzebele Siphilele Thobekile; Mr. Kubheka Vusumuzi Sibonelo; Mr. Lerotholi Nkau; Mr. Van Staden Pieter Schalk; Mrs. Ntshudisane Maureen Judith; Ms. Mohlamonyane Malebo Pearl; Ms. Sibuyi Nobuntu Nonkululeko; Dr. Van Der Walt Karel Petrus; Dr. Hayangah Rosemary; and Mr. Nyarirangwe Maxwell.

As Technical Planners:

Mr. Singh Narainduth; Ms. Matebane Refilwe Dorcus; Ms. Khakhu Thompho; Mr. Makwinzha Percy Russel; Mr. Vermeulen Johannes; Mr. Abrahams Keenin Alveno; Ms. Khumalo Kwethemba Beverly; Mr. Jacobs Nathaneal Sidney; and Mrs. Makeleni Nokukhanya Precious.

As Candidate Planners:

Mr. Harmse Henco; Mr. Neves Johnny Warren; Mrs. Awotayo Funmilola Omolade; Ms. Roberts Kim Tanya; Ms. Kumalo Lesedi; Mr. Makhura Katlego Mankoto; Mr. Mkhwebane Sbongiseni Andile; Mr. Van Rooy Tian; Ms. Mlambo Nontokoza Nompumelelo; Ms. Mashawana Litshani; Ms. Josephus Felicia Rayneth; Ms. Manok Koketso Maria; Mr. Theron Abraham Chistoffel; Mr. Pillay Rishalin; Mr. Stoltz Jaco; Ms. Maotoe Poppy Mirriam; Ms. De Jong Nicoléne; Mr. Pretorius Leon; Mr. Naidoo Kershan; Mr. Bakker Jacobus Albertus; Ms. Kay Nina Anne; Ms. Sehone Angeline Mmaphuthi; Ms. Mlonyana Nqwenelwa; Ms. Kruger Sunette; Mrs. Samaai Rifqah; Mr. Mocke Pieter

Hendrik; Mr. Chitapi Simbarashe Hope; Mr. Marole Arivhashu Aschel; Mr. Magwaza Sihle Eugene; Mr. Matibe Mpho Nicholas; Mr. Kgope Kopise Nape; Mr. Khalishwayo Micheal Bonginkosi; Ms. Nonkula Tolokazi Zamazulu; Mr. Khumalo Malusi Ntsikelelo; Ms. Schlebusch Sanmarie; Mr. Tabata Avela; Mr. Ackerman Christo; Ms. Shilenge Ndalama Maureen; Mr. Visser Salmon Ignatius; Mr. Buskes Marius; Ms. Sandham Megan; Mr. Leo Dane Christopher; Mr. Ramukosi Mbekanyeni; Ms. Dlungwana Ayanda Kholeka Nobahle; Ms. Nkoe Naledi Evelyn Kgao; Ms. Govender Corinne Chanel; Mr. Roos Philippus Riekert; Mr. Van der Berg Harry André; Mr. Mashaba Christopher Mduduzi; Mr. Mostert Werner; Ms. Du Toit Nandré Ena; Ms. Slammat Muneerah; Ms. Nkuzani Ntsako Debbie; Mrs. de Kock Annette; Mr. Mohale Thabo Prisca; Mr. Machimana Llyod Martin; and Mr. Madima Andanani Nthudzeni.

As **Candidate Student Planners:**

Mr. Vollenhoven Jason Nicholas; Mr. Ngobeni Tiyani Peter; Mr. Lekalakala Tsholofelo David; Ms. Ntshabele Alleta Nontuthuzelo; Mrs. Mc Carthy Rosalinde Julia; Ms. Munzhelele Pfarelo; Mr. Botha Philippus Martinus; Mr. Agyemang Fredua; Mr. Takalani Fhumulani Christopher; Mr. Booysen Lourens Streicher Steyn; Ms. Makhanya Thembeke Innocentia; Ms. Radebe Nomvula Precious; Ms. Morena Kelebogile Grace; Mr. Namba Sipiwo; Mr. Matalasi Lebohlang Eric; Ms. Vele Mukhodiwa; and Mr. Tladi Mazwi Thapelo.

News from the Gazettes

The following is a list of publications found in National and Provincial Gazettes that might be of interest:

- **National Gazettes, No 37721 of 13 June, 2014.**

Geomatics Profession Act (19/2013) - Invitation for written nominations to be considered for appointment to the South African Geomatics Council. Department of Rural Development and Land Reform.

The Minister of Department of Rural Development and Land Reform, acting in terms of Section 4(4)(a) read with 4 (7)(a) of the Geomatics Profession Act 19, 2013 (Act No. 19 of 2013) ('the Act'), invite written nominations to be considered for appointment

as members and alternate members to the South African Geomatics Council established in terms of Section 3(1) of the Act. This invite include nomination of a person to represent the interest of the public in terms of Section 4(1)(d).

Please note that it is required, in terms of Section 4 (4)(b) that any person making a nomination must indicate which category and which branch of registered persons within the Geomatics Profession is to be represented by such a nomination.

Please note that in terms of Section 4(5): a nomination must be supported by - (a) the personal details of the nominee; (b) particulars of the qualifications, experience in geomatics or related matters or skills which may make the nominee suitable for appointment; and (c) any other information that may be prescribed.

The nominations must be forwarded within 14 days from the date of publication hereof, to: Minister: Department of Rural Development and Land Reform, Private Bag X833, Pretoria, 0001

For Enquiries: R Salig or N Mazibuko

Tel: (012) 326- 8050, Fax: (0120 326- 5640.

- **National Gazettes, No 37701 of 06 June, 2014**

Draft National Greenhouse Gas Inventory for the Republic of South Africa. Department: Environmental Affairs: .

The Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, publish the draft national greenhouse gas inventory for public comments. The draft national inventory can also be downloaded by the members of the public at the following website: www.saagis.org.za.

Members of the public are invited to submit to the Minister, within 60 (sixty) days of publication of the notice in the Gazette, written representations on or objections to the draft national inventory to the following addresses:

By post to: The Director-General, Department of Environmental Affairs, Attention: Mr Jongikhaya Witi, Private Bag X447, PRETORIA, 0001

By fax to: (012) 320-1167

By email to jwiti@environment.gov.za

or hand delivered at corner Pretorius and Van Der Walt Streets, Fedsure Forum Building, 2 Floor, North Tower.

Any inquiries in connection with the draft national inventory can be directed to Dr Brian Mantlana at (012) 310-3296, or Mr Jongikhaya Witi at (012) 310-3083.

- **Act No. 23 of 2014 - Infrastructure Development Act, 2014.**

The purpose of the Act is to provide for the facilitation and co-ordination of public infrastructure development which is of significant economic or social importance to the Republic; to ensure that infrastructure development in the Republic is given priority in planning, approval and implementation; to ensure that the development goals of the state are promoted through infrastructure development; to improve the management of such infrastructure during all life-cycle phases, including planning, approval, implementation and operations; and to provide for matters incidental thereto

- **Act No. 25 of 2014 - National Environmental Management Laws Amendment Act, 2014**

The purpose of Act 25 of 2014 is to amend the National Environmental Management Act, 1998, so as to amend certain definitions and to define certain words and expressions; to provide for the review of environmental management instruments; to provide for minimum information requirements to be included under environmental management instruments; to provide for the Minister responsible for mineral resources to be the competent authority for environmental matters in so far as they relate to prospecting, exploration, mining or production of mineral and petroleum resources; to empower the Minister to take an environmental decision in so far as it relates to prospecting, exploration, mining or production instead of the Minister responsible for mineral resources under certain circumstances; to clarify the provisions relating to integrated environmental authorisations; to strengthen the financial provisions in the Act; to provide for consultation with State Departments; to provide for the management of residue stockpiles and residue deposits; to empower the Director-General of the Department responsible for mineral resources to issue section 28 directives in so far as they relate to prospecting, exploration, mining or

production; to empower the Minister responsible for mineral resources to designate environmental mineral resource inspectors within the Department responsible for mineral resources for compliance monitoring and enforcement of provisions in so far as they relate to prospecting, exploration, mining or production; to provide the Minister with the power to direct environmental management inspectors to perform compliance monitoring and enforcement duties instead of mineral resource inspectors under certain circumstances; to empower the provincial head of department to delegate a function entrusted to him or her under this Act; to provide for the suspension of a decision on receipt of an appeal; to provide for appeals against directives; to further provide for the power of the Minister to make regulations; to provide for consultation in the event that an Act of Parliament or regulations are amended that impact on the Agreement; to provide for the criteria for condonation applications in the case of appeals that relates to prospecting, exploration, mining or production;

- **Act No. 27 of 2014 - National Water Amendment Act, 2014**

The purpose of Act 27 of 2014 is to amend the National Water Act, 1998, so as to make provision for the correct designation of the Department and Minister; to correct outdated references; to provide for an alignment and integration of the process for consideration of water use licences, relating to prospecting, exploration, mining or production activities; to provide for the appointment of the Minister as the responsible authority for appeals relating to prospecting, exploration, mining or production activities; to amend the authority of the Water Tribunal as appeal authority relating to prospecting, exploration, mining or production activities; to provide for the concurrence between the Minister, the Minister responsible for mineral resources and the Minister responsible for environmental affairs when amending provisions of the Agreement related to prospecting, exploration, mining or production activities; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

- **White Paper on National Management of the Ocean**

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The Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, has published the White Paper on the National Environmental Management of the Ocean.

The White Paper will be available on the Department's website at www.environment.gov.za.

Copies of the English version of the White Paper are available at the offices of the Department's Oceans and Coasts Branch, located at East Pier Building, East Pier Road, V and A Waterfront, Cape Town,

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Guideline Professional Fees 2014 published for comments.

Section 29 of the Planning Profession Act, 2002 (Act 36 of 2002) states that:

"29 (1) The Council may annually, but must at least every three years, after consultation with voluntary associations, determine guideline professional fees and publish such fees in the Gazette.

During 2011 the SACPLAN Council resolved that the

Department of Public Service Administration (DPSA) hourly fee rates for consultants be adopted because of its simplicity and efficacy. It was further agreed that Model B Option B1, B1.1 be adopted as a measure to determine the SACPLAN's tariffs and that remuneration package levels 14/15, 13/14, 12/13, and 11/12 be adopted as levels at which the four categories as proposed in the attached "Schedule of Fees" were derived from, namely, Managing Director/Member, Professional Planner, Technical Planner, and Candidate Planner.

The DPSA publishes these hourly fee rates for consultants annually. They (DPSA) have considered two models namely short term and long term. Short term means less than 60 consulting days. Long term means more than 60 consulting days. The model has two options in each category. Option one is where all overheads and mark-up are covered by the figures and option two is where partial overheads and no mark-up are covered. Partially covered means organ of state provides some overheads like offices parking, telephones, etc. They calculate different figures based on the seniority ladder in the public service. Each option reflects whether there is a mark-up or not.

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