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MERGER OF SACPLAN FLAGSHIP PROGRAMMES

As we celebrate Youth Month, a period during which SACPLAN would ordinarily be hosting the Young Planners Forum and Awards, the South African Council for Planners (SACPLAN) would like to inform its registered planners and stakeholders of a decision taken by the Council to combine its three flagship programmes; namely the Young Planners Forum and Awards, the Women in Planning Seminar and Awards, and the National Planning Indaba into one programme: The 3rd National Planning Indaba and Awards.

This decision follows a series of exercises undertaken by the Council since the beginning of the new term, during which the Council engaged in a thorough process of repositioning its priorities for the term of Council, guided by the pressing issues facing the profession.

The amalgamation of these activities reflects SACPLAN's commitment to delivering a more coherent and high-impact platform for the planning profession in South Africa. Rather than hosting these initiatives as separate events, SACPLAN will bring together young planners, women in the profession, and the broader planning community under one banner, ensuring that transformation, knowledge-sharing, and professional recognition are addressed collectively. Importantly, the mandates of the Young Planners Forum and the Women in Planning Seminar will continue to be carried out through the National Planning Indaba, with their key issues finding expression and articulation within this consolidated platform. The programme will further incorporate the awards session, recognising outstanding contributions across the profession, including the awarding of honorary and fellow member awards.

The 3rd National Planning Indaba and Awards is scheduled to take place over a period of two days, on 5–6 November 2026, aligned with the commemoration of World Town Planning Day. Over the two days, the programme will convene the planning community for focused dialogue on critical issues shaping spatial planning and development, transformation of the profession, and present the Sixth Council's strategic direction to the profession. This event also presents an opportunity for networking and the strengthening of stakeholder relations across government, academia, the private sector and civil society.

More information on the programme will be released soon, and we hope to see you there.

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