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WCPDF'S 9th ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO BRING DELEGATES BACK TOGETHER IN THE ROOM TO FIND INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO INDUSTRY CHALLENGES

After two years spent in a cyber wilderness, the 9th Annual Conference of the Western Cape Property Development Forum (WCPDF) is bringing members of the property development and construction industry back together again, physically, in one room. Under the theme ["From Surviving to Thriving in the Built Environment"](#), the event will be held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre, from 26 to 27 May 2022.

With early bird booking now open, registration across all offerings was happening fast, and the WCPDF was extremely encouraged to see the enthusiasm being shown for the conference, says Deon van Zyl, WCPDF Chairperson: "It's clearly obvious that the private and public sectors are keen to network once again in person, and for the first time in the history of the event, we have not only produced a full programme months ahead of the event, but have seen an unprecedented eagerness from speakers – keynotes, presenters and panelists alike – to participate."

The [two-day programme line-up](#) has been carefully crafted to discuss and deliver solutions to the challenges that face the industry today. Sessions include key topics such as:

- Are infrastructure procurement policies and supply chain management regulations fit for purpose?
- The role of micro-development in delivering affordable housing

- Pitching for Investment – which local municipalities are strategizing to attract investment? (Discussion to be facilitated by Western Cape Premier Alan Winde)
- The rise, pandemic-fall and rise again of commercial, residential, retail and industrial property
- Time for civil society to set the score (introducing a municipal government scorecard)
- The importance of long-term planning.

Along with key players from private property development and construction, and influential decision makers in government, the lineup also includes distinguished speakers such as [Gift of the Givers founder](#), Dr Imtiaz Sooliman, economic innovators Professors [Nick Bindell](#) and [Miriam Altman](#), trends analyst and futurist, [Dion Chang](#), and civil society changemakers such as [Wayne Duvenage](#) of OUTA.

This is also the first time that a limited number of [exhibitors](#) will have a presence at the WCPDF's annual conference, and those thinking of either being an [exhibitor, sponsor](#) or [delegate](#) are urged not to hesitate.

Notes Van Zyl: "At the moment, we must observe Alert Level 1 Covid-19 regulations, and therefore delegate capacity is currently limited to 300, with exhibitors' stands limited to 10.

The WCPDF's conference partner, [SBS Conferences & Exhibitions](#), is already experiencing high interest from exhibitors and sponsors, and delegates have also started to register in numbers, including those from municipalities outside the Western Cape and even abroad.

"The programme is clearly of interest to industry members irrespective of where they are based" says Van Zyl. "We are all looking for the same solutions and a feasible, implementable and successful way forward, beyond the pandemic."

For more information on the WCPDF's 9th Annual Conference:

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