



# Association of Schools of Construction of Southern Africa (ASOCSA)

## The Fifth Built Environment Conference Southern Sun, Elangeni Durban, S.A., 18 - 20 July 2010

### Objectives

The Fifth Built Environment conference provides an international forum for researchers and practitioners from developed, developing and underdeveloped nations to address fundamental problems and constraints that affect the Built Environment.

#### The broad objectives of the conference are:

- To provide a forum for multi-disciplinary interaction between academics and practitioners;
- To provide an internationally recognised, accredited conference for the built environment;
- To disseminate innovative and cutting edge practices, and
- To contribute to the built environment body of knowledge (BEBOK).

The organizers aim to bring together researchers, academics, administrators and practitioners representing educational institutions, government agencies, contracting organizations, consulting enterprises, financial institutions, and other construction related organizations from all over the world.

### Conference theme

The conference has a broad scope and topics are organized around the conference theme of the Built Environment.

### Main topics

- Sustainable construction
- Climate Change
- Education and Professional Development
- Service delivery / Customer service
- Information Technology
- Legislation and Regulatory Framework
- Dispute Resolution
- Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations
- Safety, Health, Environment and Quality Management
- Construction Industry Development
- International Construction
- Project Performance Improvement
- Risk Management
- Housing
- Integrated Project Delivery Systems
- Disaster Management

### Conference outcomes

#### Responses are sought to the following critical questions:

- What changes would lead to improvements?
- How can informal technology contribute to improvement?
- What are the barriers to change?
- What economic levers can be used?
- How can informal construction sector and SMME problems be addressed?
- How can education, training, and professional development be improved?
- How can all industry participants be integrated?
- How can communication and management difficulties be addressed?
- How can diversity be promoted?
- How can the regulatory environment be more effective?

### Abstracts and Papers

Authors are invited to submit abstracts in English of not more than 150 words for peer review by the scientific and technical committee by not later than 30 November 2009. To produce a structured abstract, please complete the following fields about the paper. There are four fields which are obligatory (Purpose, Design, Findings and Value); the other two (Research limitations/implications and Practical implications) may be omitted if they are not applicable to the paper. Each abstract should indicate the theme of the conference the proposed paper will address, and give the name and full contact details of the author to be contacted concerning the paper. Abstracts will be reviewed according to: the relevance to the themes and objectives of the conference; originality of subject matter; likely academic rigor of the proposed paper; and likely contribution to knowledge, or practical relevance, of the proposed paper. Note that only papers that are based on actual research that include empirical findings will be accepted.

### The conference deadlines are as follows:

- Abstract (150 words maximum): 15 December 2009
- Notification of acceptance: 6 January 2010
- Submission of completed paper: 15 April 2010
- Notification of acceptance: 15 May 2010
- Submission of final paper: 30 May 2010

### Submissions:

Submit abstracts to: [ndihokubwayoR@cput.ac.za](mailto:ndihokubwayoR@cput.ac.za)

### Venue

Southern Sun, Elangeni, Durban, South Africa

### Conference Fees

Non-Asocsa Members	ZAR 4 500.00 + 14% VAT
Asocsa Members	ZAR 4 000.00 + 14% VAT
Full Time Students	ZAR 2 500.00 + 14% VAT (upon production of current registration card)

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### Registration

Registration to be done online  
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