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Gauteng Partnership Fund and the Council for the Built Environment sign MoU

The Gauteng Partnership Fund (GPF) and the Council for the Built Environment (CBE) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Pretoria on 15 August 2022. The two entities committed to driving transformation, promoting professional practice standards through involvement of professionally registered persons, structured candidacy training, and mentorship development.

To achieve the said objectives, the entities will collaborate to transform the built environment through research and innovative alternative building products - with a dedicated focus on interventions aimed at supporting women, youth, and persons with disabilities.

The CBE CEO, Mr. Msizi Myeza said that the built environment is not only about understanding the process, but it's also about inspired projects that uplift the quality of life of users.

The GPF CEO, Ms. Lindiwe Kwele said that her organisation recognises the importance of having built environment professionals within its domain. The CBE is an overarching body regulating the activities of the six councils for the following built environment professions (CBEP), architecture, landscape architecture, engineering, property valuation, project and construction management, and quantity surveying

Kwele said: "This collaborative partnership couldn't have come at a better time as the GPF commemorates its 20 years of existence. We've taken stock of our socioeconomic contribution to our province and whether we've meaningfully contributed to spatial transformation and sustainability. Through our review process, and with the support of CBE's research capabilities, we'll be exploring innovative ways of doing our business including alternative built technologies that could be adopted by our sector."

She added that the two organisations had agreed to pilot a virtual academy on the GPF pipeline projects as part of developing the next generation of built environment professionals.

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About CBE:

The Council for the Built Environment (CBE) is a statutory body established under the Council for the Built Environment Act (No. 43 of 2000) (the CBE Act). It is an overarching body that coordinates the six Councils for the Built Environment Professions (Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Engineering, Property Valuers, Project and Construction Management, and Quantity Surveying) for the purpose of instilling good conduct within the professions, transforming the professions and advising the South African Government on Built Environment related issues. The CBE is a Schedule 3A Public Entity, and one of four entities which report to the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure. For more information visit www.cbe.org.za.

About GPF:

The GPF is an entity whose functional mandate is to serve as the funding and implementing agent for integrated, sustainable human settlement developments in the Gauteng City Region and custodian of strategic provincial land and/or property transferred to GPF for effective immovable asset management and coordinated, efficient implementation of mega human settlement developments. For more information visit www.gpf.org.za

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