

Thursday, 30 September 2022



Dear Colleagues

September! Double celebration time! The arrival of spring has the air of celebration with flowers blooming, fresh air and temperatures rising. Spring heralds new beginnings and confirms that something has ended.

As I contemplate what is new and what has ended, I am reminded that the CBE is saying goodbye to our Chief Operations Officer, Ms Nana Mhlongo and our Chief Financial Officer, Ms Lindy Jansen van Vuuren. Although we are saddened by their departure as they contribute to the built environment sector, we are envious of their new beginnings and wish them all the best in their new career paths with new heights of success and prosperity.

Our 5th term Council's term of office is careering to its end. When I think back on the past eleven months, I see highs and lows, and a steep learning curve somewhere in between. As a collective, the CBE managed to deliver on the strategic direction provided by Council.

We have already embarked on the legislated nomination process for the 6th term Council led by the Ministry of Public Works and Infrastructure, and we are looking forward to a new thrust. We successfully celebrated our cultural wealth, heritage, and diversity at the CBE and experienced semblances of the old, the new, and that which it can become.

My vision for the CBE is to foster a workplace that is pro-diversity as entrenched in our constitution which embraces innovation and agility. I believe that a diverse team from varying backgrounds with different skill sets and experiences is more productive and brings in varied perspectives and novel ideas. Our CPR+I (compliance, performance, reporting, + innovation) is hard at work.

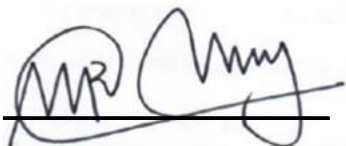
Our stakeholder engagements and partnerships play a vital role in executing the mandate of the CBE. During the month of September, we had an engagement with the Director General of North west Province on areas of potential partnership for mentorship and candidacy programmes. A significant outcome was that the CBE will participate in the North west Province Infrastructure Forum to focus on skills development programmes aimed at assisting unemployed graduates, and collaborate on research, knowledge management and Climate Smart Resilience Infrastructure.

Additionally, we met with the University of Mpumalanga's Vice Chancellor and Principal Professor to focus on a structured model for skills development in the built environment, collaboration on a virtual academy within the legislative frameworks, alignment of the research agenda and plans to introduce built environment courses at the university in 2025.

We continue to foster transformation through the work of our Transformation Collaborative Committees. I am encouraged by the enthusiasm and momentum that these committees are gaining with the participation of industry stakeholders. I believe that the CBE is on track in getting to the essence and heartbeat of the industry

See you at the upcoming Women Empowerment and Gender Equality webinar.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Msizi Myeza', written over a horizontal line.

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