



## South African Institute of Architects

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### From the President's Desk

This year's Heritage Month of September should leave a lasting legacy in the history of the South African Institute of Architects (SAIA), as the 17th of September 2013 was the official announcement to the media and thus the start date for the countdown to the **XXVTH UIA WORLD CONGRESS DURBAN 2014**.

In stressing the significance of the milestone to be achieved by the UIA when this event takes place next year (**25th UIA World Congress**), I could not help, but to highlight the fact that this event will be hosted within our borders. This is at the time when our country will be celebrating its **20th anniversary** of its hard-earned democracy.

As part of the build-up process towards this event, I specifically invited the media to help us publicise the importance of architecture, as a profession. Additionally the Congress has the potential to rekindle the legacy of the sustainable built environment, not only for our country, but for the African continent as a whole. In doing so, I made reference to some important dates, which I believe were and remain relevant spring boards, for enhancing this build-up process. These dates were:-

• **24th September 2013**

South Africa's "Heritage Day", which I hope that architects, as foot soldiers on the ground capitalised on, in presenting our case that architecture represents visible and tangible element of our country's heritage.

• **7th October 2013**

World Architecture Day under this year's theme of "**Culture and Architecture**". As a matter of fact, it was on this day that as the coordinator of the **2013/2014 AfriSam-SAIA Awards for Sustainable Architecture**,

I officially announced the call for entries to those who wish to participate in these prestigious awards. The entries will be scored on these four criteria:- harmonisation; people upliftment; planet rejuvenation and place-making performance.

Lastly, I trust our members remember to highlight the 16th December 2013 in their diaries, as one of South African's iconic buildings the Union Buildings, designed by Sir Herbert Baker, will be celebrating its centenary. It is heartening to note that this building milestone and its stature in the political history of our country has been incorporated in this year's Day of Reconciliation celebrations agenda.

This gesture by the organisers of this year's event calls for the quote by Confucius-

*"When the good way prevails in the state, speak boldly and act boldly. When the state has lost the way, act boldly and speak softly."*

**- Mr. Sindile Ngonyama PrArch MIArch  
President of the SA Institute of Architects**



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President  
South African Institute of Architects (SAIA)

## From the CEO's Corner



Mr. Obert Chakarisa  
Chief Executive Officer (CEO)  
South African Institute of Architects (SAIA)

We are three months into the new financial year and I am glad to reflect that progress is steadily being made towards focussing the work of the Institute towards the real pressing issues facing both corporate and individual members.

In my various interactions with both members and the general membership, I have been able to sift out the real matters towards which all our energies should be directed.

I will highlight a few of these matters in this edition of the newsletter.

### Practice Committee Functioning

The effective functioning of the Practice Committee is the core business of the Institute. Of course all the other areas of our strategy are critically important. However the operation of the Practice Committee will ensure that we are focussing seriously on the areas that will assist our members to excel in their profession. Coupled with this is the need to place greater emphasis on advocacy with the various stakeholders and regulators to ensure that our interests are clearly articulated and motivated.

We have made the necessary provisional budget allocations to support the work of the Practice Committee.

### Turn Around Strategy

The Board will convene during the first week in November 2013 and will also have the opportunity to consider the Turn Around Strategy that is being formulated – having taken into account the various committees from the Regional Institutes. We are convinced that the new Business Plan will ensure that the Institute becomes more effective, drives its advocacy comprehensively and is thus better able to support the work of architects in the built environment.

### Staffing Matters

We have successfully recruited our new Marketing Manager, Ms. Debbie Kirk, who will commence work during the month of October. She has huge expertise in the field of Marketing and Communications and we are convinced that she has the necessary competencies required in this very crucial position.



Debbie Kirk:  
SAIA Marketing Manager

### Advertising & Sponsorship Opportunities

As we indicated in the last newsletter, we have a number of advertising and sponsorship opportunities for our members and corporate firms to support different phases of our work. Joining our growing team of sponsors will result in the firms concerned raising their profile through their association with the Institute in the different spheres they are advertising or sponsoring.

A summary of the Advertising and Sponsorship Packages available include the following:

- Advertising on the SAIA Website
- Advertising on Social Media
- Advertising in the SAIA Monthly Newsletter
- Dedicated Newsflashes to the SAIA membership (Individual Members and Corporate Members)
- Advertising in the SAIA Biennial Report
- Sponsoring various conferences
- Sponsoring awards and some architectural competitions
- Sponsoring Board and Interim Management Committee Meetings
- Sponsoring Meetings of the Various National Committees
- Sponsorship towards the Durban 2014 UIA World Congress – international profile

Applicable rates and fees are available to those interested in partnering with SAIA on any of the above advertising and sponsorship opportunities.

More information can be provided on – [marketing@saia.org.za](mailto:marketing@saia.org.za) or telephonically at **011 782 1315**.

### Reminder – Strategic Focus

I would like to take the opportunity to remind members again on the proposed Mission, Vision and Strategic Themes that are forming the centre of our Turn Around Strategy.

### Mission

*"A collective Voice serving the interests of Architects in pursuit of excellence and responsible design"*

### Vision

*"SAIA Architects to be the Authoritative Leaders in the built environment"*

### Strategic Themes (Objectives)

- Membership Services
- SAIA Operations
- Transformation of the Profession
- National & International Partnerships
- Research, Innovation & Development
- Marketing

# UIA2014 Durban NEWS

Please view [http://www.uia2014durban.org/news/2013/October/architectureotherwhere\\_celebrates\\_world\\_architecture\\_day.htm](http://www.uia2014durban.org/news/2013/October/architectureotherwhere_celebrates_world_architecture_day.htm) for further information.



## architecture OTHERWHERE durban 2014

### UIA2014 Media Launch

A reminder that the registration deadline for the International Student Competition, as well as the abstract submission deadline for Papers is 31 October 2013.

Please see [http://www.uia2014durban.org/news/2013/September/uia2014\\_media\\_launch.htm](http://www.uia2014durban.org/news/2013/September/uia2014_media_launch.htm) for further exciting news!



At launch, from left: Amira Osman, Zola Kgaka, Fanuel Motsepe, Karen Eicker, Nina Saunders

Visit [www.uia2014durban.org](http://www.uia2014durban.org) to sign up now and be a part of ARCHITECTURE OTHERWHERE!

#### ArchitectureOTHERWHERE celebrates World Architecture Day

In celebration of World Architecture Day, the UIA2014 Durban Congress has announced seven high-profile luminaries who will be speaking at the event.

"We are tremendously excited by this line up of renowned speakers from different regions around the world," says UIA2014 President, Hassan Asmal. "Each of the speakers has contributed in a meaningful way to both the profession of architecture and society as a whole, and we believe that their presence will be invaluable to furthering the conversations that we are planning around critical built environment issues in South Africa, Africa, and the world."

From Africa, the Congress will welcome Francis Kéré (Burkina-Faso / Germany), Joe Osae-Addo (Ghana), and President of the South African Institute of Architects, Sindile Ngonyama. Speakers from other regions are Rahul Mehrotra (India), Cameron Sinclair (UK / USA), Susannah Drake (USA), and Gerardo Salinas (Mexico).

In addition, a number of parallel sessions at the ICC will cover specific areas of focus that relate to the Congress theme and intentions. These include the role of Built Environment Professionals in Spatial Transformation; Sustainable Human(e) Settlements; Housing and Healthcare (sustainable architecture under conditions of change); Open Building; and Addressing Informality through Design Education and Practice.

The Call for Abstracts for these sessions will close on 31 October 2013.

At the Congress media briefing on 17 September, UIA President, Albert Dubler, commented, "One of our South African colleagues has stated that the developed world has "invented" the crisis; and that only Africa will provide solutions to this crisis. We have already perceived some of the solutions, and we want to know more. Twenty years of Democracy have brought South Africa back to the global community. It's time now for the rest of the world to experience all these changes on site."

## Influential architects share insight through the UIA Congress



**Francis Kéré**, born in Gando, a small village in Burkina Faso



**Joe Osae-Addo**, trained at the Architectural Association in London



**Sindile Ngonyama** is the principal director of Ngonyama Okpanum and Associates, a top architectural practice in South Africa



**Rahul Mehrotra**, architect and educator, works in Mumbai



**Cameron Sinclair** is the co-founder and 'chief eternal optimist' (CEO) for Architecture for Humanity



**Susannah Drake** is the Principal of DLANDSTUDIO in the USA



**Gerardo Salinas**, currently partner of RojkindArquitectos, a member of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)

## AZA 2013



Cape Town World Design Capital 2014 officially launches on New Year's Eve!

What does this mean for architects and the built environment in Cape Town, South Africa and the region? SAIA answers this question at **ArchitectureZA, 19-20 November 2013**, at the V&A Waterfront, Cape Town.

Please view <http://www.architectureza.org/> and download a review of the event by viewing <http://www.saia.org.za/newsletter/aza2013.pdf>

# University Architectural Competition Announcement

## Winning architects and architectural designs in Sol Plaatje University design competition announced

The Department of Higher Education and Training announced the winners in the Sol Plaatje University architectural design competition and revealed the winning designs of the future campus.

Please view [http://www.saia.org.za/newsletter/sol\\_plaatje\\_univ.pdf](http://www.saia.org.za/newsletter/sol_plaatje_univ.pdf) for further information.

## International Festival: The Union of Architects of Russia

### International Festival "Zodchestvo"

The festival <<Zodchestvo>> is an event of a federal importance, view of achievements in architecture and urban planning in cities and regions of Russia, architecture ensembles, design institutes, workshops and offices, young architects, student of architectural facilitates, children's architectural and artistic schools.

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#### 22-24 November | Moscow | CEH "Manezh"

The festival "Zodchestvo" is an event of federal importance. At this event attendees will view achievements in architecture and urban planning in cities and regions of Russia, created by architectural groups, design institutes, workshops and offices, young architects, students of architectural universities, children's architectural and artistic schools.

The Union of Architects of Russia have kindly invited SAIA President, Mr Sindile Ngonyama, to attend the festival as a speaker, where he will deliver a presentation regarding the UIA Durban 2014 Congress as well give a presentation on Contemporary Architecture within South Africa.

SAIA looks forward to highlighting South African architecture and connecting with our architectural colleagues in Moscow. Please view <http://www.zodchestvo.com/eng/> for further information.

## About Festival

## Energy Performance Certification – Reporting Back

Buildings are significant users of energy in the built environment. They are therefore a prime focus for energy efficiency interventions. One such intervention which is being considered in South Africa is the introduction of an energy efficiency certification programme. It is intended that this will initially be introduced in the public sector but the private sector will be encouraged to adopt and implement the system in its building stock.

SAIA was invited by *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH* to participate in a short study visit to Germany to study the different approaches to EPC under the European Energy Saving Ordinance (EnEV) and the European Directive for Performance of Buildings (EPBD). Other participants were drawn from Department of Energy, Department of Public Works, South African National Energy Institute (SANEDI), CIDB and Green Building Council SA.

The South African Bureau of Standards (SABS) is currently developing a SANS standard for Energy Performance Certification of Buildings. SAIA is represented on the both the Technical Committee responsible for the standard and the Working Group which is drafting the document.

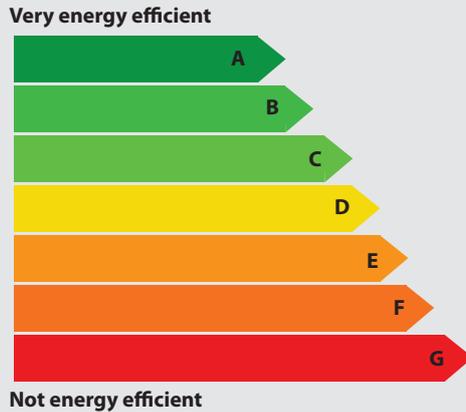
The certification system likely to be adopted in South Africa is the so-called consumption method where actual energy used by a facility, per square meter, per annum, is measured and indicated against a rating scale. The measurement must be carried out by an accredited certifier. The resultant Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) is displayed prominently in the certified building. Below is a draft certificate as an example.

A Government Building  
 Light House  
 23 Energy Street  
 Anytown  
 #2345

Certification Number 123-456

This certificate is issued in terms of SANS xxxX 2013. Standard for Energy Performance Certificates for Buildings, and indicates how much energy is being used to operate this building. The energy performance of the building is based on measured energy consumption, and is compared to the maximum energy consumption provided for in SANS 10400XA20XX

ENERGY PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATE



Energy Performance:  
 280kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/a  
 Energy Excluded:  
 34kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/a



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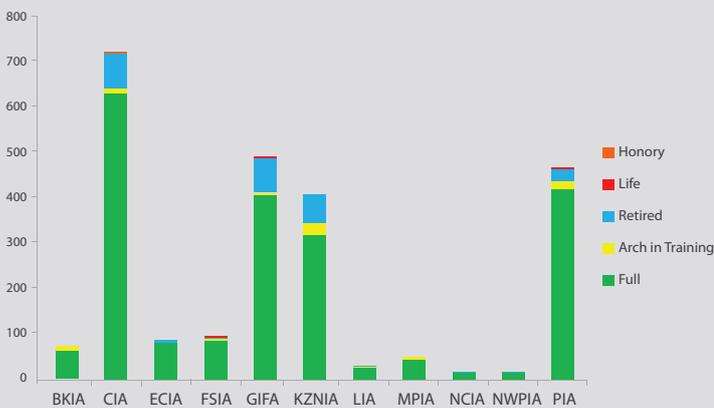
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 Occupancy Class/e: G1 - Offices  
 Number of Floors: 12  
 Nett Floor Area: 2730m<sup>2</sup>  
 Year of Construction: 1955  
 Building Plan Approval: 1955/02/21  
 Occupancy Certificate: 1956/05/21  
 Year of last major renovation: 1999  
 Climatic Zone: 3 - Hot Interior  
 Cadastral Information: erf 3 Farm Soutfontein

**Administration Information:**

Accredited Body: Energy Auditors Inc  
 Accreditation No. SANAS 98765  
 Assessor Name: A N Assessor  
 Date of Issue: 1 July 2013  
 Valid Until: 31 June 2018

## SAIA Subscription Status

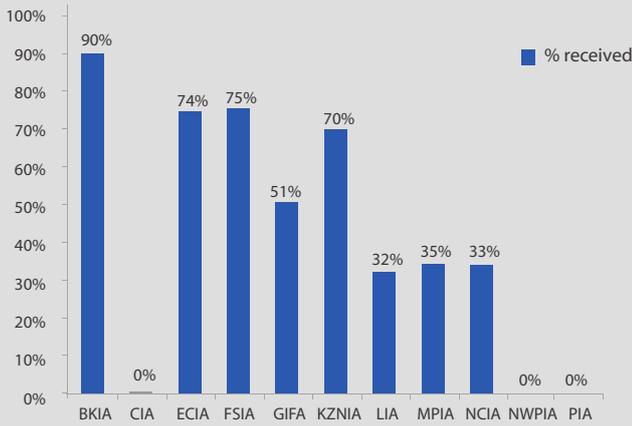
Individual Membership per Region



**Financial Position – 30 September 2013**

As of the end of September 2013 we had a return of only 24% of the individual subscriptions for which we had budgeted in the 2013/14 financial year. We acknowledge that we received a substantial amount for subscriptions within the first week of October 2013 and will provide updated graphs in our next newsletter.

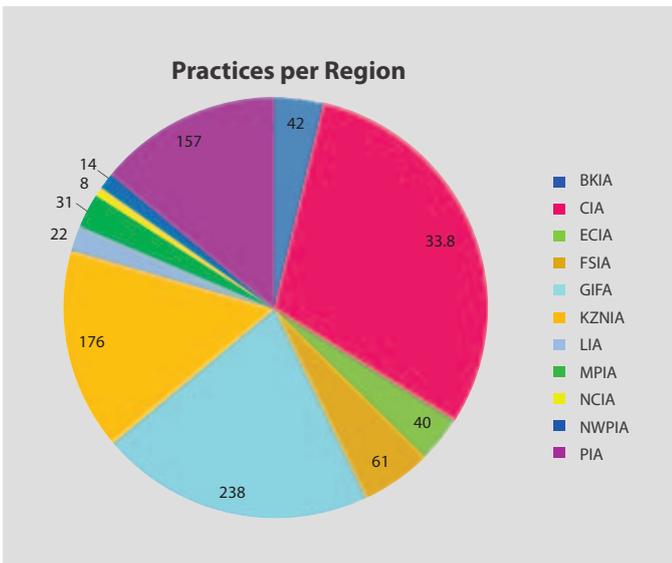
### Individual Subs Payments received as % per Region



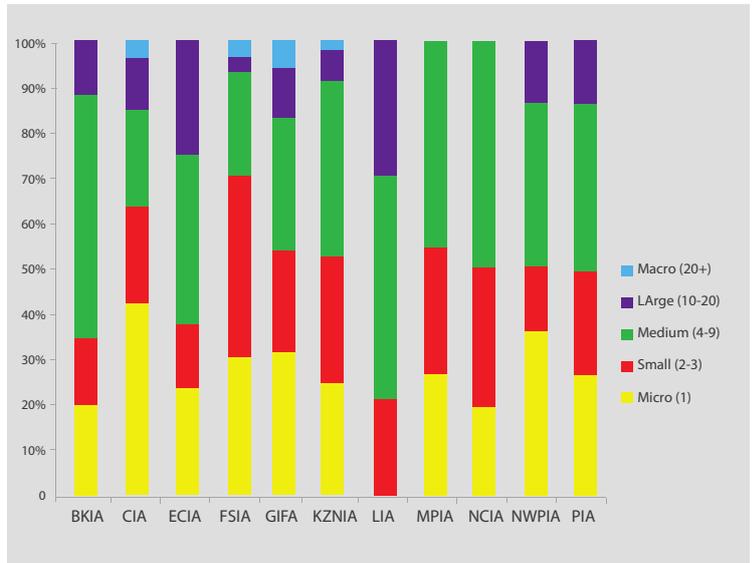
"We thank all of those who have paid their subscriptions and encourage those who have not done so to ensure payment as soon as possible."

Esther van Tonder, Finance Manager, SAIA

### Corporate Subscriptions



### Composition of Practices per Region



### Declarations Received:

At present, 47% of the 1 127 eligible SAIA practices (every SACAP recorded practice, which meets SAIA's requirement for membership, is **deemed to be** a SAIA corporate member. A practice is recognised as a SAIA corporate member where at least 75% of the **eligible principals** (Pr Arch) of a practice are members of SAIA.)

### Certificates issued:

We have received 45% of all the SAIA paid up practices (Corporate Members) (**Every practice or practice entity**

completes an annual declaration with supporting schedules and submits this declaration, together with the requisite payment to the **SA Institute of Architects no later than 31 August 2013**).

**Please note:** The responsible principal, duly authorised to do so, signs the declaration. Upon receipt of full payment based on the number of employee units declared annually by the practice, SAIA will issue a **Corporate Membership Certificate** for the relevant financial year.

SAIA is committed to keeping our members informed and up to date on the latest in the architectural profession. If you have any content or information to submit... **CONTACT US via admin@saia.org.za**

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