



Presidential End of Year Message - 2014

Most of us will remember 2014 as having been an eventful year in a number of ways - a year which saw the entire world converge on our shores, debating architectural matters of international interest.

Some will remember 2014 as a year that has left a sweet taste in their lives, whilst some would wish that they could let this year pass quickly so as to forget the bitter taste it might have left in their hearts. It is a year that has earned us a lot of new friends and acquaintances, nationally and internationally, but also a year that has robbed us of some brilliant minds in our profession. In spite of all the aforesaid, let us take courage from the fact that we have reached this milestone as one people, who in unison need a sigh of relief, a well-deserved break for recharging batteries, and spending time with all our loved ones.

May I once again congratulate all those SAIA members who have received accolades in various spheres of architecture this year. Let them be assured that their strides in lifting the bar of our profession, continue to be appreciated and acknowledged.

On behalf of the board, allow me to wish everyone a fun filled end of the year break, and prosperous 2015.

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SAIA President.





CEO, SAIA
Obert Chakarisa

Festive Season Wish from CEO, Obert Chakarisa

As 2014 draws to a close, we realise that a very special time approaches our members, staff, volunteers and the many other stake-holders connected with SAIA. That's because this is a time when friends and families meet and share with each other their experiences, memories and joys of the past twelve months as well as their hopes for the future, including their aspirations and goals.

The Festive Season is also a time when, as an organisation, we look back on our achievements of the past year. This year we celebrate the successful hosting of the UIA Durban 2014, an historic event which brought wide acclaim to SAIA from architects both locally and abroad. It is widely agreed that this event led to new benchmarks being created in terms of future UIA congresses and so we thank the Organising Committee for giving of their very best to make this once in a life-time event one of which we can be justly proud.

During 2014 SAIA's Business and Strategic Plan were signed off giving clear direction to our turn-around strategy. I would like to give special thanks to our Board members who have given me great support regarding the adoption of SAIA's Strategic and Business Plans. It is together with your input and inspiration that we have clear direction, and SAIA's future looks very positive indeed.

Additionally, I wish to thank Eugene Barnard, Head of Practice for his dedication, diplomacy and determination to complete and drive the sign off of SAIA's New Constitution. This initiative gives additional impetus as we steer SAIA towards a brighter future.

To all staff in the National and Regional Offices, I thank you for going the extra mile to ensure that SAIA is able to serve members effectively, efficiently and innovatively.

I wish you all every success for the New Year and look forward to hearing more about your successes.

In closing I wish all our members, staff and volunteers a blessed and happy festive season and a prosperous New Year. And, for those travelling on holiday, I wish you a safe journey and that you return home rejuvenated and inspired to tackle the new year positively and energetically.