SACAP ANNUAL ARCHITECTURAL DAY 2025



Theme: Design for Strength

Celebrating resilience, creativity, and sustainability in architecture.

Let's celebrate excellence and the transformative power of architecture!





ARCHITECTURAL DAY EVENT

About the event

In celebration of Architectural Month, SACAP plans to host the annual Architectural Day on 24 October 2025. Please note that this date may change depending on the exam schedules of learners and students. This flagship event aims to honour the rich heritage of architecture while embracing the dynamic future of the profession. The goal is to bridge the gap between high school learners, tertiary students, and industry professionals, creating a platform for inspiration, mentorship, and knowledge sharing.

The chosen theme, "Design for Strength," invites professionals and aspiring registered architectural professionals to design with resilience, longevity, and adaptability in mind. At its best, architecture strengthens communities, uplifts societies, and provides sustainable solutions for future generations.

Why Attend?

The event aims to inspire learners and students to pursue architecture as a career, motivate current students to register as professionals, showcase award-winning projects as a source of mentorship, foster collaboration among key stakeholders, and reinforce SACAP's commitment to education, transformation, and professional excellence. In addition, create a space for collaboration among Architectural Learning Sites (ALSs), Voluntary Associations (VAs), Architectural firms, and government entities.



Mr Charles Nduku (SACAP Council President)

Charles Ntsindiso Nduku is the President of the 6th Term Council of the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP) and a respected advocate for transformation within South Africa's architectural profession. As head of SACAP, he is committed to advancing transparency, reform, inclusivity and the integrity of the profession.

Nduku has held several leadership positions across the built environment. At SACAP, he was a member of the 4th Term Council and Convener of the Fee Committee, before being elected President of the 5th Term Council in 2019 and re-elected to lead the 6th Term Council in 2024. With more than three decades of experience, he brings a blend of technical expertise, entrepreneurial drive, and visionary leadership to his role.

He also serves as a Council Member of the Council for the Built Environment and is a Board Member of East London's Housing Association. He has been actively involved in the South African Institute of Architects' Border-Kei Region, where he has held office as President, Board Member, and Convener of the Habitat Committee.

Nduku founded NN Architects in 2003, following the completion of a Bachelor of Architecture Degree in 1999. The firm has since grown into a thriving practice with offices in East London, Cape Town, and Mthatha. Projects span the education, healthcare, industrial, commercial, and private property sectors. Nduku's career reflects technical excellence and a lifelong dedication to creating opportunities for others. As SACAP President, he continues to drive reforms that align the profession with the values of equity, diversity, and service to society.

Ms Letsabisa Shongwe (SACAP Council Vice President)

Ms Letsabisa Shongwe is a distinguished Professional Architect and the owner of Arch-live Architects where she is responsible for design and implementation, operating across Gauteng, Free State and Kwa Zulu Natal with extensive experience spanning multiple sectors, including aviation, education, health, and residential projects, she brings a wealth of expertise to her roles.

She made history as the first woman appointed President of the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP), assuming office in July 2018 during the interim fourth term of the SACAP Council. Under her leadership, SACAP transitioned into a more governable and accountable organisation. Ms. Shongwe played a pivotal role in enhancing stakeholder relations and significantly improving overall professional relations, contributing to the stabilisation of SACAP.

Ms Shongwe's career highlights include serving as the Vice President of SACAP during the 5th Council. Her re-appointment as Vice President for the 6th Term Council underscores her continued commitment to advancing SACAP's mission and goals. Her proactive approach and collaborative leadership style have earned her respect among peers and stakeholders.

Ms Shongwe holds a Master's degree in Architecture, complemented by a Bachelor's degree and a National Diploma. With over 16 years of dedicated practice, she has garnered recognition for her contributions to architectural design and education.



Her achievements are notable. Her Master's Thesis in 2005 earned second place in the esteemed National Corobrik Award. She also contributed well to the design team for Soccer City Stadium during the FIFA World Cup while employed at Boogertman and Partners. Ms Shongwe is known for her mentorship, guiding matriculants aspiring to be architects, including two who have become Professional Architects themselves and a national award winner. She advocates for organizational stability and serves as an external examiner at multiple universities. Additionally, she contributes expertise to Accrediting and Validation panels for Architecture curricula in South Africa.

Adv Toto Fiduli (Registrar)

Advocate Toto Jeremiah Fiduli is registered with the Legal Practice Council as a non-practising Advocate. He is currently the Registrar of the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP). Before joining SACAP, he worked for the Competition Commission of South Africa in various capacities within the Enforcement & Exemption and Cartels Divisions.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts, and Bachelor of Laws degrees from the University of the Witwatersrand, a Master of Law degree in Constitutional & Administrative Law at the University of Pretoria, a Graduate Diploma in Compliance Management from the University of Johannesburg, and a Forensic and Investigative Auditing Certificate from the University of South Africa, and a Strategic

Leadership Programme from Gordon Institute of Business Science. Adv Fiduli joined SACAP as a Head of Legal & Compliance. He was later appointed as Registrar/CEO of SACAP.

His responsibilities as the SACAP Registrar include: Assist Council in developing a strategy, and a four-year business plan; Developing annual performance plans and quarterly reports to monitor the implementation of the strategy and goals; Promoting SACAP and ensuring that its public image and client service standards are excellent; Ensure proper Financial Management, prepare and monitor the annual budget, and improve the sustainability of the organization; Assist Council to carry out its powers and functions as mandated by the Architectural Profession Act and fulfill its statutory mandate; Assist Council to administer its affairs and the activities of its committees; Establish an effective organizational culture and introduce effective business processes; Develop a competent team and create an organizational culture and performance management system to encourage performance excellence and ensure SACAP's achievement of its goals; Develop a risk management strategy.

Dr Jennifer Mirembe (SACAP Council member)

With over 15 years of dedicated experience in human settlements in the focus areas, urban planning, urban design, and architecture, Dr Jennifer Mirembe is a distinguished expert in developing sustainable communities across diverse regions. She holds a PhD in Planning, a Master's in City Planning and Urban Design, and a Bachelor's in Architecture, blending academic excellence with practical expertise to solve complex challenges in urban contexts.

Dr Mirembe has been instrumental in providing strategic and operational leadership within South Africa's human settlements sector. A forward-thinker, she is invested in utilising advanced technologies, especially artificial intelligence, to enhance planning, architecture, and urban design efforts in the human settlements field.



As a thought leader, Dr Mirembe has engaged with academic institutions and international bodies, contributing research on the built environment. She has moderated and convened several global discussions on governance, planning, architecture, the impact of gender, and the urban design of public spaces, bringing together built environment specialists from around the world. Additionally, she has supervised and served as an external examiner for Master's and PhD students across the African continent.

Dr Mirembe's commitment to innovation and improving the quality of life for all communities continues to drive impactful changes in the fields of architecture, urban design, and planning. She has also held key leadership roles, served as Chair of the Gauteng region in the Urban Design Institute for South Africa, on the Board of Directors for the Council of GeoScience, and as a member of the 6th Term Council of the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP). She currently serves as Chairperson of the Stakeholder Relations Committee on SACAP's 6th Term Council.

Arch Nadira Haripersadh

Nadira Haripersadh is a Professional Architect and the CEO of Maya Architects (Pty) Ltd. Her career began in the mining sector and has since spanned over two decades across various sectors. A passionate advocate for universal design and inclusion, she founded Inclusive Goals, a collaborative platform promoting accessibility, awareness, and innovation in the built environment.

Nadira previously served on the Management Committee of the Gauteng Institute for Architecture (GIfA) and currently convenes its Universal Design Committee. She contributes to SABS-led working groups tasked with revising of building standards, as well as other collaborative

forums focused on inclusive design. Her work bridges legislation, creativity, and humanity, inspiring architects to design spaces that are beautiful, safe, and accessible to all. She is a member of SACAP's Canberra panel of experts and continues to push for transformation within the built environment.

Professor Carin Combrinck (Associate Professor and Head of Architecture at the University of Pretoria)

Carin Combrinck is an Associate Professor and Head of Architecture at the University of Pretoria. She leads courses that promote Urban Citizenship and critical thinking to address South Africa's socio-spatial injustices. Her teaching uses scaffolded, ethically aligned methods including seminars, community engagement, group work, and peer reflection. With over a decade of experience, she fosters epistemic shifts through cognitive transfer and transformative learning. Her research focuses on architecture's role in urban challenges and preparing graduates for this responsibility. She integrates pedagogy and research with purposeful community engagement to create a more socially responsive architectural profession.



ARCHITECTURAL FIRMS SHOWCASING THEIR AWARD-WINNING PROJECTS

Deter Architecture and Design



Presenter: Arch Pieter Breytenbach

"EVERTHING MATTERS"

Deter Architects is an architectural and interior design practice with successful projects in hospitality, corporate, retail, and residential sectors. We strive to exceed expectations, foster creativity, and value relationships with clients, contractors, and suppliers. Our collaborative approach ensures quality, timely delivery, and personal growth. We offer bespoke design and dedicated project management, thriving on solution-driven strategies and consultation.

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Presenter: Arch Pablo Corroto Pradillo

Pablo Corroto Pradillo is an accomplished international architect and consultant, registered in both Spain and South Africa. He holds degrees from the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (ETSAM) and the Institute of Advanced Architecture of Catalonia (IAAC), specialising in ecological structures. He is the Founder of pablocorrotopradillo. architects, Co-Director of Krynauw Nel Associates, Director of Project Development & Sales for MTT and the Sustain build Group, and a Lecturer at FuturEd. His professional experience includes teaching at ETSAM and IAAC, and leading projects across Spain, Japan, South Africa, and China. Known for his imaginative yet analytical approach, Pablo excels under pressure and is admired for his dynamic energy, cross-cultural adaptability, and entrepreneurial mindset. He views architecture as both a technical and cultural pursuit, dedicated to delivering sustainable, high-quality, and profitable design solutions

Boogertman and partners



Boogertman + Partners is a locally and internationally acclaimed studio for architecture, interior design, urban design and graphic design. Established in 1982, Boogertman + Partners has grown to become Africa's largest architecture firm with offices in Johannesburg, Pretoria, Cape Town, Stellenbosch, Durban and Kenya, and projects throughout Africa and the Middle East. Boogertman + Partners is led by a dynamic team of directors who share a vision for innovative and contextually responsible design. They work closely with urban designers, landscape architects, interior designers, architects and technicians in a collaborative creative process that seeks to find holistic solutions to each individual brief. As gold founder members of the Green Building Council of South Africa, Boogertman + Partners fully support environmentally sustainable transformation of the built environment.

TectArch (Pty)Ltd



TectArch is a forward-thinking architectural firm based in South Africa, founded with a mission to reshape the built environment through design excellence, innovation, and sustainable practices. We believe architecture is a profound responsibility—a discipline that must respond to both human need and environmental context. Our practice is dedicated to crafting bespoke contemporary homes that are not merely structures, but personal sanctuaries that elevate the human experience. We create spaces that are modern, responsive, and rooted in a purpose that transcends the physical form.

VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATIONSPARTICIPANTS



The Pretoria Institute for Architecture (PIA)

The Pretoria Institute for Architecture (PIA) is a Voluntary Association recognised by SACAP and affiliated with SAIA, representing architectural professionals in Pretoria, Tshwane, and surrounding areas. Its mission is to promote excellence in architecture, uphold ethical standards, and support professional development through CPD-accredited activities, mentorship, and inclusivity. Guided by an elected Executive Committee and subcommittees, the PIA facilitates collaboration between professionals, academia, industry, and the public. Signature events such as the PIA Awards for Architecture, the Annual General Meeting, and various lectures and exhibitions celebrate design excellence and strengthen the architectural community in South Africa.



South African Institute of Architectural Technologists (SAIAT)

Established in 1987, the South African Institute of Architectural Technologists (SAIAT) is the second largest SACAP-recognised Voluntary Association, representing over 1 360 members across South Africa. SAIAT is committed to advancing the architectural profession through education, advocacy and professional support. As the only Voluntary Association offering affordable Professional Indemnity Insurance as a membership benefit, SAIAT continues to uphold excellence, integrity and innovation in shaping the built environment. Building the profession to build the future.







SHOWCASING STUDENT INNOVATION IN ARCHITECTURE

Ms Thembeka Mpolweni

Thembeka Mpolweni is a Professional Senior Architectural Technologist with over six years of professional experience, currently expanding her expertise by completing a Master's in Architecture focused on sustainable, human-centred design practices. Her professional background is broad, encompassing higher education, commercial, housing, and furniture design projects, giving her a broad perspective on the built environment.

Thembeka is an architect passionate about exploring the vital intersection of architecture, language, and rituals in marginalised communities. She firmly believes that architecture holds the power to transform and empower these groups. Her research is particularly drawn to uncovering and amplifying the invisible labor and voices of historically excluded populations, often overlooked in spaces.

What truly inspires Thembeka is architecture's unique ability to bring abstract ideas into tangible, physical reality. She is driven by the potential for her work to promote inclusion, foster innovation, and inspire meaningful social change.

Mr Cwangco Mqingwana (SAIAT Ambassador)

I'm a dynamically fueled to achieve individual. I'm meticulous in all that I lay my hands on with the desire to achieve results that are motivated by the fear of being average. I find splendour in the beauty of faith in projects hoped for, and the latter satisfaction of them evidently being seen. I'm versatile in skill due to the nature of my educational background that was first technically orientated, and later complemented by my design intrigued studies in design philosophies and eco-friendly practices. My drive during the foundation stages of my career has kept me and granted me the privilege to be exposed to etiquette understandings of architecture in school and practice.

Ms Sonwabise Mafu



I am Sonwabise Mafu, an aspiring architectural professional from the Eastern Cape, dedicated to creating architecture that is thoughtful, inclusive, and responsive to its context. As a Black woman in a field with limited opportunities in my region, I strive to design spaces that harmonise with their environment and foster comfort and connection. My work challenges traditional notions of architectural grandeur, focusing instead on cultural, environmental, and social sensitivity. Guided by honesty, transparency, and integrity, I lead with purpose and am committed to shaping a more equitable and compassionate built environment.

SHOWCASING STUDENT INNOVATION IN ARCHITECTURE



Mr Blessings Murau



I am currently completing my undergraduate BArch at the University of Johannesburg, where I am in my third year. Adaptability is the word that best describes me, as I have always embraced learning new skills that allow my craft to evolve. As a second-generation milliner with seven years of experience in the fashion industry, I have developed a wide range of artisanal skills, creating everything from bags and clothing to welded crafts and clay artefacts. These creative pursuits have significantly influenced my architectural approach, blending craftsmanship and design into a cohesive, interdisciplinary practice. I am also developing my brand, Lotanang's Architectures, which embodies my passion for craft-based, small-scale design and beyond.

Mr Musawenkosi Zwane



I'm passionate about exploring and reinterpreting African narratives through design. My work focuses on translating the richness of African culture, identity, and storytelling into meaningful forms and spatial experiences. I believe architecture is a vessel for memory and cultural continuity. A medium through which the past converses with the present. Each project I undertake seeks to celebrate local materials, craft, and community, while timelessly expressing contemporary African identity.

Mr Samuel Sechaba Sebone



Samuel Sebone, a first-year BArch student with AIE. In 2024, he completed his Higher Certificate in Architectural Technology. He'll be presenting a set of projects that he has worked on during his studies with AIE. He has a passion for creating through a medium of sketching, 3D modelling, and digital design. He's spent the duration of his studies absorbing information from various design disciplines and the principles of design across multiple fields.



Skills Pipeline and Transformation in the Profession

Mr Abongile Jacisa

Mr Abongile Jacisa is a dedicated and self-motivated professional with years of experience in architectural profession regulation. He currently serves as a Registration Officer at the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP), where he plays a pivotal role in advancing professional standards and strengthening regulatory systems, through facilitation, coordination and overseeing of registrations, education and mentorship programme and processes.

With academic and training background in Civil Engineering, Business Management studies and Skills Development Facilitation, Mr Jacisa has provided critical senior management support in various aspects such as policy reviews and implementation, developing reports that influence

decision-making, and guiding operational delivery during leadership transitions. His background reflects proven strength in team leadership, project and operations management, and stakeholder engagement, where he has consistently delivered effective solutions to both internal and external stakeholders.

STEM and Career Pathways



Ms Zinhle Msiza (Intern)



Ms Zimkhitha Trom

My name is Zimkhitha Trom. I work as a science communicator at the National Science and Technology Forum as part of the STEMulator team.

SESSION 2 MEET THE PANELLISTS



Scan2BIM Presentation

Mr Francois Swanepoel (National Committee member of SAIAT)

Francois Swanepoel is a Senior Architectural Technologist since 1992 and a registered member with SACAP, SAIAT and various BIM Communities. His career spans across roles as Municipal Building Inspector, owned & operated a Building Construction company, was employed as Architectural Technologist and was an Archicad Reseller & Support Consultant for Graphisoft. In his current business he works as Architectural Designer, BIM Implementation Consultant & Accredited Archicad Trainer, Compliance and Scan-2-BIM Specialist.

Francois and his brother, Hendrik are the founder directors of Nubarron Digital 3D (Pty) Ltd t/a fusionBIM-Scirrus. We deliver property services through Certified Inspections - Architecture - Property Compliance - As-Built Building Plans - LiDAR Digital Survey - Scan-2-BIM Models - BIM Consulting & Education - 3D Virtual Property Marketing. We simplify & accelerate property transactions, working smarter in a holistic & seamless way, making operations fast, hassle-free & cost-effective for our client Property Owners & their Design, Construction, Management & Marketing Teams.

Panel Discussion: Architecture as a Career of Choice – Inspiring the Next Generation

Ms Linke Strohmenger

Linke Ströhmenger is a Professional Architectural Technologist and founder of her Johannesburg-based practice, established in 2002. With over 20 years of experience, she is recognized for designing projects rich in character and rooted in context. Passionate about innovative approaches to modern living, she increasingly focuses on compact living as her projects of choice. Beyond her practice, Linke also serves as President and Director of the South African Institute of Architectural Technologists (SAIAT), where she is dedicated to empowering professionals and fostering collaboration across the built environment, and champions innovation and professional growth. Passionate about both people and design, she believes that architecture is as much about people and connections as it is about spaces and structures.

Ms Unathi Plaatjie (SAIAT ambassador)



My name is Unathi Plaatjie, a driven individual passionate about growth, learning, and making a meaningful impact. I hold a Bachelor's degree in Architecture from the University of the Free State and am committed to continuously developing my skills while embracing new opportunities. Outside of my professional interests, I enjoy listening to classical music and spending time with family.



SESSION 2 MEET THE PANELLISTS

Ms Dineo Maboe

Dineo Maboe is a Professional Architect at one of South Africa's leading architecture firms, Boogertman + Partners, where she works within a dynamic, women-led team specialising in hospitality, commercial, and residential developments across Africa.

Driven by a deep sense of curiosity, Dineo approaches architecture as a lifelong learner - believing. To design meaningfully, one must remain a student of the ever-changing environments we shape. Her work is informed by a sensitivity to complex environmental and contextual realities, as well as past, present, and future cultures and lived experiences - resulting in designs that are both contextually rooted and people-centred.

Beyond architecture, Dineo embraces many roles as a wife, sister, daughter, "cool aunt," believer, futurist, ideator, storyteller, artist, avid DIY-er, and singer-songwriter, each one feeding into her growing tapestry of creative curiosities and pursuits.

Ms Cheyenne De Lima



My name is Cheyenne de Lima, I am currently a first year studying at School of Explorative Architecture in the Western Cape. I have always been drawn to creativity and how a space can shape the way people live and feel. Although I am still in the early stages of my journey to becoming an architect, I am excited to keep learning and exploring as I find my own unique voice in the industry. Outside of my studies I enjoy playing sports, staying active, and exploring new places through travel.

Arch Kshir Bedhesi

I am a Professional Architect dedicated to creating spaces that inspire and tell stories. My career bridges architectural practice and academia, each enriching the other through continuous learning and creativity. As the founding Director of Aesthete Architects and Baum Formel, my work explores the intersection of form, function, culture, and sustainability, with a strong focus on parametric and speculative design.

Alongside my practice, I serve as a Senior Lecturer, formerly at the University of Johannesburg and currently at the Academic Institute of Excellence, where I mentor future architects to connect theory with practice and to think critically about design. My teaching is deeply informed by

real-world experience, emphasizing both technical mastery and creative exploration. Driven by a belief in the transformative power of architecture and education, I remain committed to building, teaching, and inspiring through my work.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS



	Programme Director: SACAP Vice President: Ms Letsabisa Shongwe		
TIME	PROCEEDINGS	FACILITATOR(S)	
	SESSION 1		
09:15 - 09:45	Arrival and Registration	All	
09:45 - 09:55	Safety Health, and Environment Protocol	Ms Alesia Schutte: (AIE)	
09:55 - 10:05	Welcome and Opening	Mr Charles Nduku: SACAP President	
10:05 - 10:15	Keynote Address: Architecture for Strength and Resilience	Arch Nadira Haripersadh	
10:15 - 10:30	Architectural Learning Site Perspective Shaping the Next Generation of Professionals.	Prof Carin Combrinck: HOD (UP)	
10:30 - 11:20	Professional Showcase: Award-winning Projects Presented by Registered Professionals	 Deter Architecture and Design Arch Pieter Breytenbach PabloCorrotoPradillo. Architects Arch Pablo Corroto Pradillo. Boogertman and partners Mr Graham Wood TectArch (Pty) Ltd Arch Atusaye Msiska 	
11:20 - 11:50	Tea Break and Exhibition Viewing	ALL	
11:50 - 12:30	Showcasing Student Innovation in Architecture	 Ms Thembeka Mpolweni: Master Student (UJ) Mr Cwangco Mqingwana: (UJ) SAIAT Ambassador Ms Sonwabise Mafu: (UJ) Mr Blessings Murau: (UJ) Mr Musawenkosi Zwane: (UJ) Mr Samuel Sechaba Sebone: (AIE) Mr Kevin Leigh: (AIE) 	
12:30 - 12:45	Skills Pipeline and Transformation in the Profession	Mr Abongile Jacisa: SACAP Representative	
12:45 - 13:05	STEM and Career Pathways	NSTF Representatives • Ms Zinhle Msiza • Ms Zimkhitha Trom	
13:05 - 13:55	LUNCH AND NETWORK SESSION/EXHIBITION VIEWING	ALL	



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SESSION 2			
13:55 - 14:10	Scan2BIM Presentation	Mr Francois Swanepoel	
14:10 - 14:50	Panel Discussion: Architecture as a Career of Choice - Inspiring the Next Generation Open Discussion/Q&A Session	 Cllr Dr Jennifer Mirembe: Facilitator Ms Linke Stronghmenger: (SAIAT) Mr Cwangco Mqingwana: (UJ) SAIAT Ambassador Mr Francois Swanepoel Ms Unathi Plaatjie: (SAIAT ambassador) Prof Nnamdi Elleh: (WITS) Ms Dineo Maboe: (Boogertman & Partners) Arch Atusaye Msiska: (TectArch (Pty) Ltd) Ms Cheyenne De Lima: (SEA) Arch Kshir Bedhesi: (AIE) 	
14:50 - 15:00	Closing Remarks and Way Forward	Adv Toto Fiduli: SACAP Registrar	

EXHIBITORS









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