



South African Forum for Engineering (SAFE) Information Sheet

South African Forum for Engineering (SAFE) is an overarching voluntary grouping comprising approximately 45 engineering entities such as Voluntary Associations, Engineering Faculties (universities), and ECSA that represent engineering in the construction and related Industries.

The purpose of this information sheet is to introduce the SAFE platform/forum to the reader.

SAFE was born out of the need to engage, collaborate and develop common purpose amongst the broad engineering fraternity. The engineers have lacked a collective voice and are seen by both the general public and the state as being disorganised and with insular interests which work against each other. Acting in silos when approaching various institutions, the engineers in the construction and related industries had little knowledge of the aims and objectives of each other and the direction and purpose of their individual existence.

SAFE was established as a platform/forum to coordinate the actions of all built environment professions to the benefit to all their members as a collective that would support each other, identify issues of commonality, propose joint strategies in engagement with our statutory bodies and challenge centres of power if needs be. Never afraid to speak truth to power, SAFE will represent the interest of engineers and the communities they serve and SAFE therefore calls for your support both passive and active..

It has been agreed that SAFE meetings would take the form of an open forum/ discussion-based platform where members could 'agree to disagree'. It has been further agreed that the Forum agenda/purpose should be structured to include a strong project focus related to specific topical/core issues, and to separate Issues and Action Plans

As mentioned above, SAFE is an overarching voluntary association comprising the following engineering entities that represent engineers in the construction and related Industries:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AeSSA - Aeronautical Society of South Africa • BBCBE - Black Business Council: Built Environment • CCSA - Cement and Concrete South Africa • CESA - Consulting Engineers South Africa • COET – Chamber of Engineering Technology • CPUT – Cape Peninsula University of Technology • CUTFS – Central University of Technology, Free State • DUT - Durban University of Technology • ECSA - Engineering Council of South Africa • GIGSA - Geosynthetics Interest Group of SA • IIE – Independent Institute of Education • IMESA - Institute of Municipal Engineering SA • IPET - Institute of Professional Engineering Technologists • MUT – Mangosuthu University of Technology • NSBE - National Society of Black Engineers • NMU - Nelson Mandela University • NWU - Northwest University • PASAE – Pan African Society for Agricultural Engineering • SAAE - South African Academy of Engineering | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAIAE - South African Institute of Agricultural Engineers • SAICE - South African Institute of Civil Engineering • SAICHE - South African Institute of Chemical Engineers • SAIEE - South African Institute of Electrical Engineers • SAIIE - Southern African Institute of Industrial Engineering • SAIMECH - South African Institution of Mechanical Engineering • SAIMM - Southern African Institute of Mining & Metallurgy • SAISC - Southern African Institute of Steel Construction • SARF - South African Road Federation • SUN - Stellenbosch University • TUT - Tshwane University of Technology • UCT - University of Cape town • UFS - University of Free State • UJ – University of Johannesburg • UKZN - University of KwaZulu Natal • UNISA - University of South Africa |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAAMA – South African Asset Management Association • SABITA – Southern African Bitumen Association • SABTACO - South African Black Technical and Allied Careers Organisation • SAFCEC - South African Forum for Civil Engineering Contractors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNIZULU – University of Zululand • UP - University of Pretoria • VUT – Vaal University of Technology • WITS - University of the Witwatersrand • WSU – Walter Sisulu University |
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SAFE meetings are currently held online, on a bi-monthly basis, by the representatives of the abovementioned entities to further the aims of the Forum as outlined above.

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