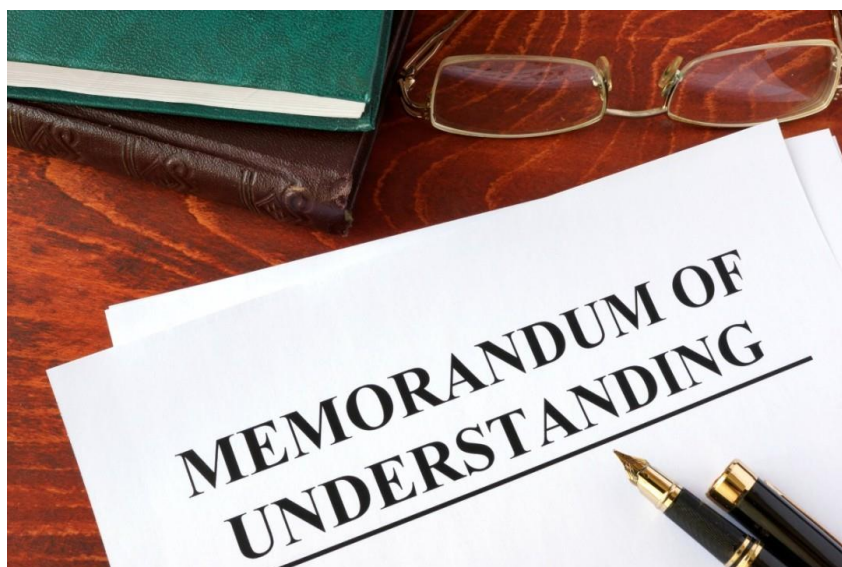




Memorandum of Understanding – EAPASA and CBE



EAPASA has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Council for the Built Environment (CBE). CBE is a statutory council established in terms of the Council for the Built Environment Act (No 43 of 2000). The CBE seeks to promote and protect the interests of the public in the built environment, promote and maintain a sustainable built environment and natural environment, promote ongoing human resource development in the built environment and drive transformation among the built environment professions.

There are therefore some synergies between CBE and EAPASA which are worth exploring. EAPASA, on the other hand is currently the only statutory Registration Authority for Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAPs) in South Africa. The entity exists to promote, on a non-profit basis, the advancement of the practice and quality of environmental assessment in South Africa in the public interest, in the interest of the environment and in terms of relevant legislation. It is also recognised by the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) as a Professional Body in terms of the National Qualifications Framework (NQF) Act, Act 67 of 2008.

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Both Parties desire to work together on Transformation, Skills Development, Research and promoting and protecting the interests of the public in the built environment. The intention of the MoU is to provide a framework for collaboration and creation of good working relations between the two parties. The entities agreed to establish and maintain collaboration relations to enhance the Built Environment image, promote good standards, promote the usage of professionally registered persons, research support and promoting and protecting the interest of the public in the built environment.

The formalized collaboration will ensure that the two organizations are well coordinated in:

- Promoting a sustainable built environment and natural environment.
- Promoting an ongoing human resource development in the built environment.
- Facilitating participation by the built environment professions and environmental practitioners in integrated development in the context of national goals.
- Promoting appropriate standards for health, safety and environmental protection within the built environment.
- The exchange of information, experience and best practices on built and natural environment-related matters.
- Promoting Social and Environmental justice by continuously advocating for transformation in the built and natural environment.

The commencement and duration of this Memorandum of Understanding is valid without restrictions and will continue on the existence and in agreement of both parties. EAPASA looks forward to a fruitful agreement with the Council for the Built Environment.

International Environmental Calendar for 2021

**World Environment Day:
05 June 2021**

**World Oceans Day:
08 June 2021**

**International Day for the
Preservation of the Ozone
Layer:
16 September 2021**

**World Rivers Day:
27 September 2021**

**International Day for Natural
Disaster Reduction:
13 October 2021**



Environmental Affiliations: Know the difference between a Professional Association (or Registration Authority) vs Voluntary Association



	Professional Association (PA)/ Registration Authority (RA)	Voluntary Association (VA)
Overview	A body of persons engaged in the same profession, formed usually to control entry into the profession, maintain standards, and represent the profession in discussions with other bodies.	A group of three or more individuals or corporations entering voluntarily into an agreement to form a private, non-government organisation which works together for a mutual, lawful purpose, which is not primarily to gain profit. These range from professional, religious, lobby groups to union and political formations.
Membership	Membership is typically via an application that needs to be assessed and approved by a Board or Council.	Membership is generally open to anyone who supports the cause and objectives of the association.
Qualification	There is typically a minimum required qualification or competencies that one must meet to belong to a professional association.	A qualification is typically irrelevant for voluntary associations and members range from a number of disciplinary backgrounds.
Role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define and examine the skills and competencies necessary to practice as a professional. Involved in accrediting degrees with a qualifications authority (SAQA). As a legal requirement, can in some professions form the primary formal basis for gaining entry to and setting up practice within the profession. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An organisation initiated and governed by its own members on democratic principles without any external control. Create a “home” for those people who wish to exchange information on, or learn more about a particular sector. Serves as a network platform on best practice in a particular sector for informed decision making regarding policies, programs, plans and projects.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintains oversight of the knowledge, skills, conduct and practice of that profession or occupation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brings together researchers, practitioners, community and users in a particular field;
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Represents the interests of the professional practitioners; and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotes professional integrity, integration and collaboration with other associations, freedom of access to information, human rights and dignity, and accepted global standards and practices.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants professional certifications to indicate that a person is qualified in the profession and/or subject. 	
Examples environmental related sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EAPASA – Environmental Assessment Practitioners Association of South Africa • SACNASP – South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IAIAsa – International Association for Impact Assessment South Africa • ELA – Environmental Lawyers Association • WISA – Water Institute of Southern Africa • IWMSA - Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa
Examples other professions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECSA – Engineering Council of South Africa • SACLAP - South African Council for the Landscape Architectural Profession • HPCSA – Health Professions Council of South Africa • SAICA – South African Institute of Chartered Accountants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAICE – South African Institution of Civil Engineering • BLA - Black Lawyers Association • SANAVA - South African National Association for the Visual Arts

EAP Non-Compliance to Code of Ethical Conduct and Practice



It is important for Registered EAPs and Candidate EAPs to always remain professional and ethical within the Environmental Sector. Any transgression may result in EAPASA taking necessary measures against unethical EAPs.

EAPASA has a Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) which was set up with the responsibility to review and investigate any formal complaints received against Registered EAPs and acts of improper professional conduct and maladministration by Registered EAPs. The affected party may lodge a formal complaint with the EAPASA Registrar in terms of the prescribed form accompanied by a sworn affidavit that must be signed by the complainant or by his or her duly authorised representative.

Complainants can make use of the link below to read up on the Complaint Procedure:

<https://eapasa.org/site/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Complaint-Procedure-EAP-Non-Compliance-Code-of-Ethical-Conduct-and-Practice.pdf>

The link below leads our members to the EAPASA Rule Book which has nineteen (19) ethical principles:

https://eapasa.org/site/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/EAPASA_Rule_Book.pdf

Matters of misconduct must be taken seriously so as to assure the public, authorities and developers that practitioners are competent and ethical, uphold a defined Code of Ethical Conduct and Practice and act in the best interest of the environment, sustainable development and the public good.

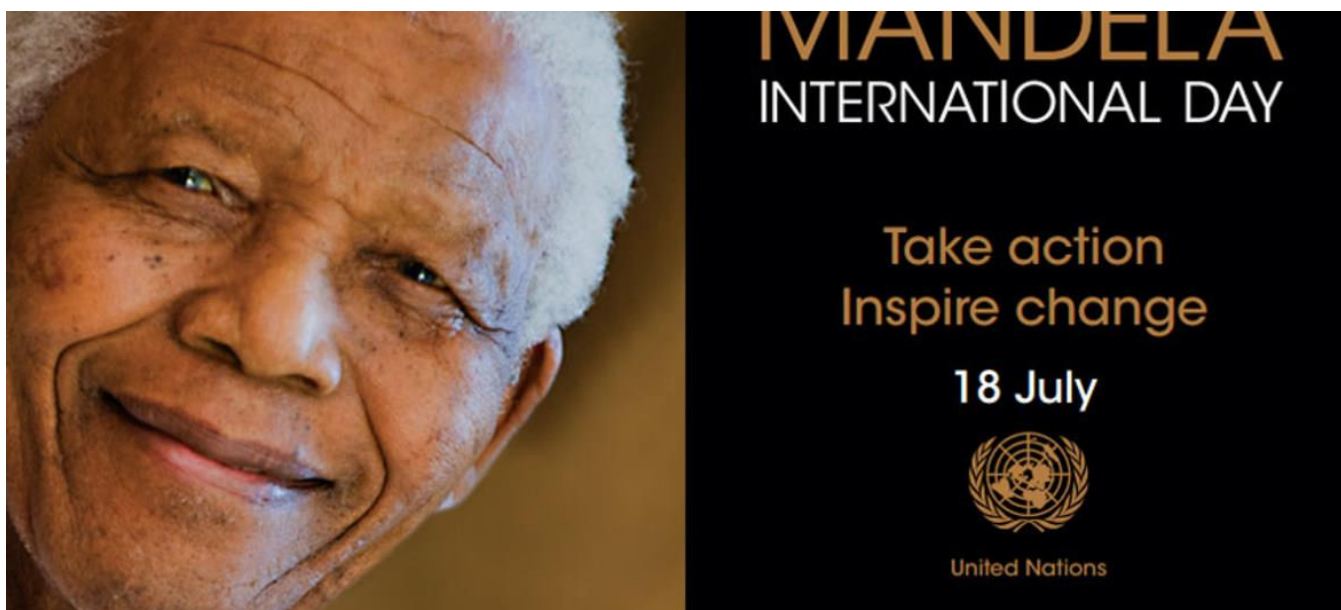
Nelson Mandela Day – 18 July 2021



In memory of our Former President - Mr. Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, EAPASA encourages EAPs with vast experience in the environmental sector to share their knowledge with Historically Disadvantaged Individuals (HDIs) for 67 minutes.

On this day, citizens dedicate 67 minutes of their time to offer a good gesture to the less fortunate. Graduates and junior employees must be given free mentorship and if possible, be taken for an online short course to enhance their skills and knowledge.

“Take Action, Inspire Change”.



EAP Registration Statutory Deadline



Please note that the submission deadline to meet the legislative requirement to be a Registered or Candidate EAP is before 11 October 2021.

Please bear in mind that - the 120-day Section 24H assessment process commences once:

1. The Registrar has deemed your submitted application to be complete, and
2. Proof of payment of your registration assessment fee has been received.

Please note:

You are strongly advised to submit your application as soon as possible to ensure your application is evaluated before 08 February 2022.

Non-registered EAPs will not be allowed to carry primary responsibility of EIAs after 08 February 2022

**Don't Delay, Apply Online before 11
October 2021**



103 DAYS TO GO!!!

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