



Celebrating Women's Month



WOMEN'S MONTH

As we conclude women's month, EAPASA takes this opportunity to appreciate all women in the environmental sector for their valuable contribution towards sustainable development. This year, Women's Month was celebrated under the theme: *"Women's Socio-Economic Rights and Empowerment: Building Back Better for Women's Improved Resilience"*.

South Africa continues to make significant strides in ensuring gender mainstreaming and the inclusion of women in key decision-making processes. The South African government over the years has adopted and implemented the National Gender Policy Framework (https://www.dffe.gov.za/sites/default/files/docs/national_policy_framework.pdf) which aims to ensure that the process of achieving gender equality is at the centre of the transformation process within all the structures, institutions, policies, procedures, practices and programmes of government, its agencies and parastatals, civil society and the private sector.

Part of EAPASA's Transformation Charter is to promote the transformation of Environmental Assessment Practice in South Africa through the empowerment of black, female, and disabled professionals.

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IAIA Climate Change Symposium



EAPASA will be hosting a panel discussion at the upcoming IAIA Climate Change Symposium taking place in Cape Town from 26 – 28 September 2022. The panel will consist of representatives from the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE), South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP), Council for the Built Environment (CBE) and International Association for Impact Assessment South African affiliate (IAIAsa).

The panel will discuss the role that is played by the Environmental Assessment Practitioners Association of South Africa (EAPASA) in collaboration with other institutions in support of the climate change mitigation and adaptation agenda.

The negative impacts of climate change are more prevalent today and South Africa is already embarking on a journey of transitioning to a climate resilient economy and decarbonisation which will bring about several positive changes.

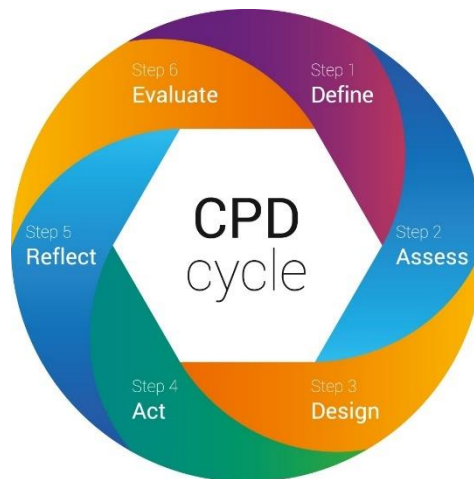
These changes are expected to follow a sustainable development path, principles of Just-Transition guided by anticipation, adaptation and recovery from a changing climate and environment.

The role of an EAP has therefore become more significant as these professionals are at the forefront of development projects and proposals.

EAPs all over the country are encouraged to register and attend this CPD accredited event.



CPD SUBMISSION



EAPASA would like to thank all EAPs who have managed to accumulate CPD credits thus far. For those lagging behind with the CPD credits, please make sure to catch up now or in the next cycle.

All Registered EAPs are required to undertake, record and provide a portfolio of evidence of CPD activities as a prerequisite for renewal of their professional registration for each (5) five-year period of registration.

The responsibility to meet the CPD obligation rests with the registered professional who must ensure ongoing learning. EAPs can earn CPD points by attending accredited events or by completing online courses.

For the EAPASA Guidelines for Continuing Professional Development, please follow this link https://eapasa.org/site/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/EAPASA-CPD-Guidelines-Vers-4-Dec-2021_3.pdf

Please note: Failure to meet the CPD requirements will impact on the ability of a Registered EAP to reregister at the end of each 5 year cycle.



EAPs Involvement in Environmental Justice



Environmental justice refers to “fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people, regardless of race, colour, nationality, or income group, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.”

EAPASA, as a Registration Authority, aims to improve the quality of environmental assessment practice in South Africa by acting against improper professional conduct and malpractice by Registered EAPs.

All Registered EAPs have a responsibility to adhere to the Code of Ethical Conduct and Practice found in the EAPASA Rule Book. EAPs are expected to carry out their professional activities in compliance with relevant environmental legislation and, as far as reasonable and practically possible, in accordance with the principles of sustainable development.

Due to different interest groups, the use and exploitation of our natural resources often produce conflicts or differences. EAPs should see to it that the integrity of the environment, including conservation and long-term sustainable use of the biophysical environment, and the social welfare, health and safety aspects of the socio-economic environment, are upheld above any commitment to sectional or private interests.

Environmental justice allows the environment to be treated with caution and accountability to protect its resources.

International Environmental Calendar for 2022

World Wetlands Day:
02 February 2022

World Recycling Day:
18 March 2022

International Day of
Forests:
21 March 2022

World Water Day:
22 March 2022

UN World Meteorological
Day:
23 March 2022

Earth Hour:
27 March 2022

Earth Day:
22 April 2022

International Day for
Biological Diversity:
22 May 2022

World Environment Day:
05 June 2022

World Oceans Day:
08 June 2022

World Rainforest Day:
22 June 2022

Nelson Mandela Day:
18 July 2022

National Women's Day
09 August 2022

Arbor Day
01 September 2022

FINANCE DESK



Annual Fees: All Registered EAPs are reminded to settle their unpaid annual fees. Members who have not paid their annual fees are deemed as not being in good standing and therefore will not be issued with their renewed EAPASA EAP Certificate.

Payments:

- EAPs are requested to use their registration number as a reference when making payments. This will assist in making sure that the payments are correctly allocated.

- Please ensure that the proof of payment is sent to finance@eapasa.org



International Environmental Calendar for 2022

International Day for the
Preservation of the Ozone
Layer:

16 September 2022

International Coastal
Clean-up Day:

16 September 2022

World Water Monitoring
Day:

18 September 2022

World Clean-up Day:

19 September 2022

Zero Emissions Day

21 September 2022

World Rhino Day:

22 September 2022

World Rivers Day:

26 September 2022

World Environmental
Health Day:

26 September 2022

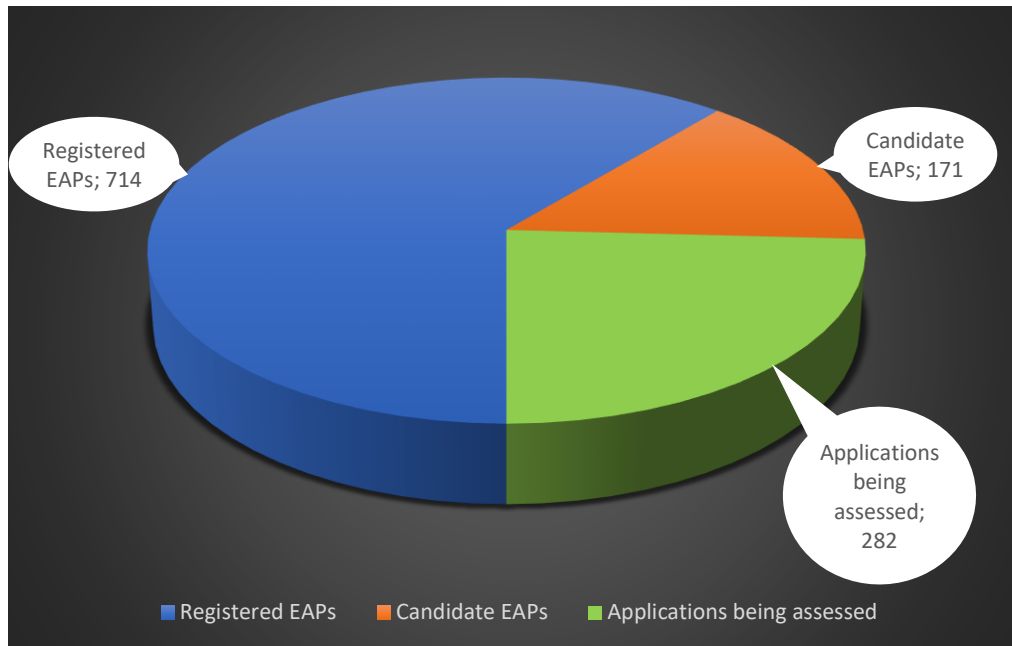
World Habitat Day:

04 October 2022

International Day for
Natural Disaster
Reduction:

13 October 2022

EAP Registration Statistics & Compulsory Registrations



To date, EAPASA has registered, **714** registered EAPs and **171** Candidate EAPs. Environmental professionals should bear in mind that EAP registration is now mandatory and only registered members may hold primary responsibility for the planning, management, coordination or review of environmental impact assessments and the associated Environmental Management Programme Reports (EMPRs).

Unregistered Government Officials and Private Consultants are encouraged to fast track their applications to avoid engaging in fraudulent or illegal practices.

Unregistered EAPs are also prohibited from making use of the Reg. EAP (EAPASA) or Cand. EAP (EAPASA) on their email signature. Furthermore, unregistered EAPs should refrain from using the term Environmental Practitioner since this title can only be allocated by EAPASA through their professional registration body status by SAQA.

All applicants are reminded to make use of the correct URL <https://registration.eapasa.org/> to log into the online registration system.

The EAPASA office staff is there to assist with any queries. For those who are struggling to complete different sections of their applications, they may request previous presentations and recordings from the office.

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