



ACCREDITATION OF EAPASA ASSESSORS



In November 2019, the Environmental Assessment Practitioners Association of South Africa (EAPASA) hosted three courses in Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal for a total of 77 Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAPs) who were trained in Outcomes-Based Assessment. This training has equipped these EAPs to evaluate applications for registration in terms of the Section 24H Regulations of the National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998.

EAPASA has received certificates of competence for these Assessors from the Education, Training and Development Practices Sector Education and Training Authority (ETDP-SETA). These registered and accredited EAPs are now gaining experience as Assessors by reviewing applications, working in teams of two alongside one of EAPASA's experienced Assessors.

These Assessors play a significant role in the achievement of EAPASA's vision of a transformed profession of competent, ethical and legally registered EAPs contributing to South Africa's sustainable development agenda.

Registration Statistics to Date:

EAPASA has **203** registered EAPs and **20** Candidate EAPs.

The Registration Committee of EAPASA will hold a teleconference meeting in the third week of April to register the next batch of professionals.

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WORLD WATER DAY

CELEBRATE WORLD WATER DAY



Water in South Africa and the rest of the world is a limited and valuable resource. Since 1993, the United Nations (UN) celebrates this day on 22 March every year. Their focus is to inter alia raise awareness of the 2.2 billion people who do not have access to clean water.

Registered EAPs, Candidate EAPs and all South African citizens have a responsibility to use water sparingly. A while back, following the drought/low rainfall, the Vaal dam was contaminated with sewerage waste. The Vaal dam supplies water to millions of people in Gauteng and human behavior can have severe consequences. In rural areas, many people still rely on polluted streams and rivers as their source of water.

Government has a long way to go when it comes to the provision of clean water to citizens especially those in remote areas. Water is a basic need for human survival and without it, there is no life. People can make use of the following tips to save water:

- Take shorter showers
- Fix leaking pipes
- Close the tap while brushing your teeth
- Water your garden or plants with recycled water
- Install a water-saving toilet.

Please be a responsible citizen and conserve water.

International Environmental Calendar for 2020

World Wetlands Day:
02 February 2020

World Water Day:
22 March 2020

Earth Day:
22 April 2020

International Day for Biological Diversity:
22 May 2020

World Environment Day:
05 June 2020

World Oceans Day:
08 June 2020

**International Day for the Preservation of
the Ozone Layer:**
16 September 2020

World Rivers Day:
27 September 2020

**International Day for Natural Disaster
Reduction:**
13 October 2020





GENERAL MEETING

The Board of EAPASA has taken a decision to **postpone** its first biennial General Meeting (GM) which was to take place on 14 May 2020, due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

President Cyril Ramaphosa has declared a national state of disaster and has cautioned against gatherings. As of 6 April, South Africa has 1 655 confirmed cases of people infected with the virus and it is likely that the numbers will increase.

We urge all EAPs and the general public to protect themselves by washing their hands more often, avoiding close contact with others, disinfecting surfaces, and covering your mouth when you cough or sneeze. Please take care.

A new date for the GM will be communicated in due course.





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BLESSED EASTER FILLED WITH
GOOD HEALTH AND FULFILLING
EXPERIENCES



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