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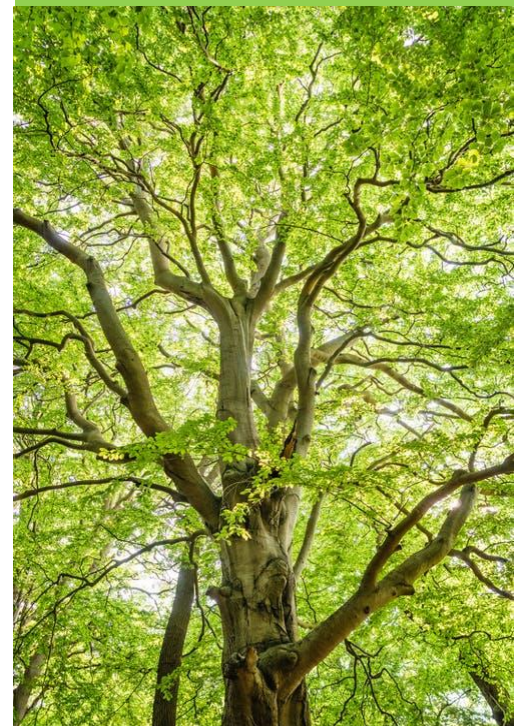
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The EAPASA Board and Staff members welcomes all Registered EAPs, Candidate EAPs, and Strategic partners into 2022. In 2021, South African Scientists discovered the Omicron variant which continued affecting the livelihoods of ordinary people, business owners, government entities and the environmental sector.

EAPASA remains optimistic that 2022 will be a prosperous new year to humankind and all economic sectors. We would like to thank our EAPs and Strategic partners for their continuous support and ensuring professionalism for the benefit of enhancing the environmental assessment practice.

May the New Year bring more wonderful opportunities to work together and deliberating on issues that affect Environmental Assessment Practitioners.



Amendment of Regulation 22 of the NEMA Section 24H Registration Authority Regulations, 2016



Due to the late publication of the proposed amendments to the regulations, the number of EAPs registered (State Officials and Consultants) to date and the number of applications that still need to be considered by EAPASA, the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, Ms Barbara Creecy has seen it fit to extend the compulsory registration by a further six (6) months.

This extension is meant to provide adequate time to the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) to adequately consider comments emanating from the public comment process that ensued on 31 December 2021, to allow more time for EAPs to register and allow EAPASA to process registration applications.

We urge all EAPs to make use of this grace period to finalise their applications as non-registered EAPs will not be permitted to carry primary responsibility of EIAs at the end of this period.

Please follow the link below to read more on the Amendment to the Section 24H Registration Authority Regulation, 2016:

<https://eapasa.org/site/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Notice-Amendment-of-Reg-22-Section-24H-Registration-Authority-Regulations.pdf>



Upcoming General Meeting 31 March 2022



EAPASA will host its special General Meeting (GM) on **31 March 2022** via a virtual platform to accommodate all members across the country.

EAPs are encouraged to participate in the upcoming GM and to keep on visiting the EAPASA website for more information. All information relating to the GM will be posted under General Meetings on the website.

Please Note: More meeting details including the virtual links will be sent closer to the date.



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

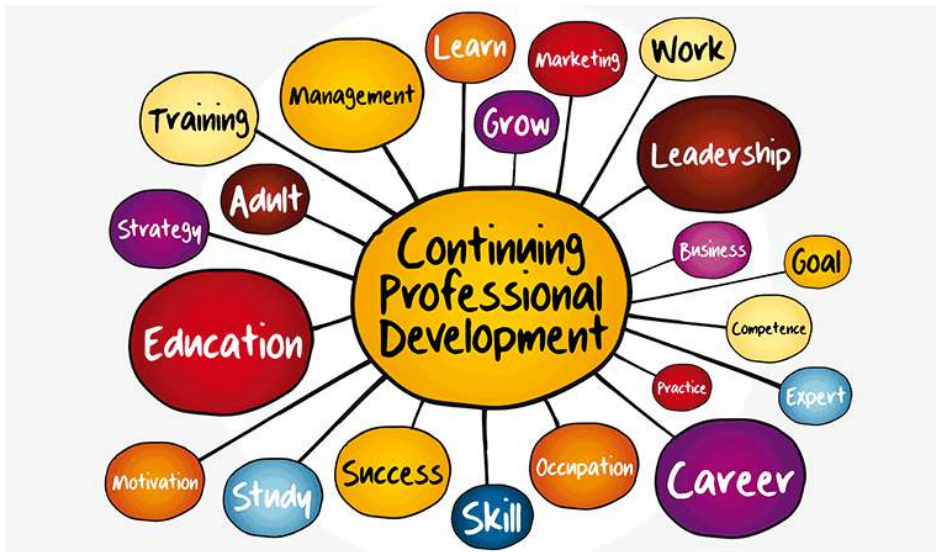
World Rainforest Day:
22 June 2022

Nelson Mandela Day:
18 July 2022

National Women's Day
09 August 2022

Arbor Day
01 September 2022

CPD Final Submission



Thank you to those who have submitted their cycle 2 of Continuing Professional Development (CPD). The final day of CPD submission is the 28 February 2022.

EAPASA is required to ensure that registered members undertake CPD. EAPs who are unable to make their submissions are required to complete the non-submission form (<https://eapasa.org/site/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/EAPASA-Adjusting-CPD-Requirements-form.pdf>) in line with the EAPASA CPD policy.

Annual Fees Reminder: Members are reminded to settle their 2020/21 and 2021/22 outstanding annual fees payments. Members who fail to finalise their payments will not be allowed to participate in the voting process of electing new Board members. Only members that are in good standing can vote.



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 Campaign

Don't Delay , Apply Online



**EAP REGISTRATION
STATUTORY DEADLINE:
08 AUGUST 2022**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU HAVE 161 DAYS LEFT TO
MEET THE LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENT TO BE A
REGISTERED OR CANDIDATE EAP**

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

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