

2025

BUILT ENVIRONMENT INDABA



INDABA THEME :

**“ The Built Environment Partnership with
Our Government to Deliver Infrastructure
Projects Through Innovative Funding
& Delivery Models”**

VENUE: Gallagher Convention Centre

DATE: 10th April , Thursday - 11th April , Friday

Event Brochure



The Black Business Council in the Built Environment (BBCBE), established in 2007, has been actively engaging with stakeholders across the public and private sectors to promote and drive economic transformation and the empowerment of Black businesses within the built environment. This mission extends to fostering economic inclusion at all levels of South Africa's economy. BBCBE is committed to building the capacity and skills base of underrepresented groups, including women, youth, and individuals living with disabilities, to enable their effective participation in the built environment and broader economy.

The Indaba will focus on key sectors such as Energy Infrastructure, Water Infrastructure, Road and Bridge Infrastructure, Transport and Logistics Infrastructure, ICT Infrastructure, Circular Economic Infrastructure, Black Industrialization, Human Settlements, Social Infrastructure, Petrochemical Infrastructure, and aggressive skills development initiatives.



What is the Purpose of the Built Environment Indaba?

We recognize that the challenges facing the built environment industry are extensive and complex, making it difficult for BBCBE to address them effectively on its own. This has underscored the need for collaboration by bringing together industry practitioners, academics, government officials, and representatives from infrastructure development ministries to convene at the Built Environment Indaba. This platform enables collective engagement, discussion, and solution development for a wide range of pressing issues. These include the slow pace of transformation, procurement reforms, incomplete projects, aging infrastructure, water and sanitation concerns, road and rail networks, load and water shedding, road network maintenance and construction, and the dismantling and redirection of apartheid-era spatial planning. Collaboration is the way forward.



The Aim of the Indaba

The Built Environment Indaba serves as a vital platform for fostering collaboration among the public and private sectors, academia, researchers, civil society, and labor. Its primary objective is to address South Africa's pressing challenges related to infrastructure development and delivery across the infrastructure cluster and associated sectors.

The Indaba aims to drive innovation by exploring and developing practical financing and delivery solutions. It focuses on critical areas such as roads and transport, energy, and water security, bringing together diverse stakeholders to devise actionable strategies for overcoming these challenges.

The event also seeks to address critical issues within infrastructure development, focusing on key sectors such as roads and transport, energy, and water security. Through bringing together diverse stakeholders, the Indaba aims to create actionable strategies that improve infrastructure delivery, optimize procurement processes, and develop the necessary skills to support sustainable growth. This collaborative approach will drive economic transformation, create jobs, and ensure the long-term viability of the built environment in South Africa.

The Event will focus on :

- Foster partnerships between government, private enterprises, and educational institutions.
- Promote dialogue on best practices in project delivery and resource management.
- Identify opportunities for public-private collaborations in infrastructure-related sectors.
- Focus on sustainable, inclusive growth that benefits all South Africans, particularly marginalized communities.
- Explore innovative infrastructure funding and delivery models that would speed up the delivery of economic and social infrastructure in South Africa.
- By aligning various sectors and stakeholders towards shared goals, the Built Environment Indaba 2025 will be an essential forum for transforming the future of infrastructure development in South Africa.

The Event's Objectives

Building on the 2024 Objectives, the 2025 Built Environment Indaba objectives will be:

- To engage and collaborate with key government departments involved in infrastructure development in unpacking the implementation of current initiatives, policies, and long-term strategic plans that would advance the built environment transformation.
- To facilitate collaborative discussions between public and private sector organizations, academia, and civil society on innovative solutions for overcoming economic transformation bottlenecks and barriers.
- To emphasize the importance of targeted skills development and skills transfer, especially in the face of evolving infrastructure demands by creating an environment that would inform, educate and create access to skills development opportunities.
- To identify and promote procurement strategies that will drive transformation in the built environment thus changing the procurement practices in the public and private sector to embrace efficiency, transparency and participation by emerging contractors.
 - To highlight and showcase key stakeholders and available opportunities in the built environment through exhibitions, presentations, and networking platforms.
 - To capture all proposals and solutions offered during the indaba, which would be explored for implementation in the pursuit of transforming the built environment.



A wide-angle photograph of a large-scale construction site, likely for a bridge or major infrastructure project. Several workers in orange safety gear are visible on different levels of the structure, which is heavily reinforced with steel beams and concrete. The background shows more of the construction area under a clear sky.

Key Invited stakeholders & Sectors

The 2025 Built Environment Indaba would be inviting the following ministries to participate as speakers and contributors to panels and exhibitions: Department of Public Works and Infrastructure, Department of Human Settlements, Department of Electricity and Energy, Department of Water and Sanitation, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, National Treasury, Department of Higher Education and Training, Department of Basic Education, Department of Small Business, Ministry of Police, Ministry of Defence, Department of Communications and Digital Technologies, Department of Employment and Labour, Department of Police, and Department in the Presidency for Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation, and Department in the Presidency for Women, Youth and People with Disabilities.

In addition, there are numerous State-Owned Companies that are critical to the sector, such as TRANSNET, ESKOM, ACSA, BROADBAND INFRACO, DENEL, PRASA, SANRAL, SITA. ECIC, RAND WATER, NECSA, SAPO, TRANSNET, etc.

There are also critical organisations linked to the built environment includes: Central Energy Fund, Compensation Fund, Competition Commission, Housing Development Agency, Independent Development Trust, National Development Agency, National Energy Regulator, National Home Builders Regulations Council, National Housing Finance Corporation, Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority, Property Practitioners Regulatory Authority, South African Bureau of Standards, South African Local Government Association, South African Qualification Authority, South African Special Risk Insurance Association, State Information Technology Agency, Technology Innovation Agency, Universal Service Agency and Access of SA, Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, South African Supplier Development Agency, Construction Education and Training Authority, to name a few.

All business commercial banks, Industrial Development Corporation, Ithala Development Finance Corporation, National Housing Finance Corporation, National Youth Development Agency, Public Investment Corporation, Small Enterprises Development Agency, Small Enterprises Finance Agency, National Empowerment Fund.

A photograph showing a group of people seated at a long table in a conference room. In the foreground, a man with glasses and a dark suit is looking down at a document. To his left, a woman is partially visible, wearing a patterned top. Other attendees are visible in the background, some looking towards the camera and others looking away. The room has a modern, professional feel with neutral-colored walls.

Who Should Attend

The indaba will continue to bring together public sector, private sector, academics, civil society, labour, SOE's managers, investors, fund managers and all industry leaders in all sectors of the Built Environment to a singular platform where built environment solutions and opportunities could be articulated and advanced. The target for the 2025 Built Environment Indaba is to attract approximately 1000 to 1200 delegates daily for the two days duration of the indaba, to participate in the panel discussions and master classes.



About The Organizer :

The Black Business Council in the Built Environment (BBCBE) was established in 2007, with the vision of lobbying and advocating for transformation in the built environment through the use of public legislation and policies. The initial organizational focus was mainly on the construction sector but over the last two years, the organization has expanded its lobbying and advocacy mandate to the full scope of the built environment, supported by intentional support in the implementation of projects and programmes. As a lobbying and advocacy organization, the implementation of projects and programmes provides an opportunity to measure the impact of the organization in driving transformation in key areas of the built environment within South Africa and Sub-Saharan Africa.

Transformation can never be successful, if it is not supported by realizable benefit and growth of any organization or individual that was previously denied economic participation and benefit. It is in this light that the BBCBE has increased its focus and activities in lobbying, advocacy and project implementation support within key network economies of Energy and Water, Social and Economic Infrastructure, Transport and Logistics, Information, Circular Economy, Communication and Technology, supported by intentional Infrastructure Finance models and relationships.

The BBCBE pursues the achievement of Transformation by actively engaging and partnering with all stakeholders who have similar objectives, irrespective of their association. As we lead transformation, we want to take everyone with us.

