



17 August 2023

**Attention: Built Environment Stakeholders**

Dear Stakeholder

**INVITATION TO THE WOMEN IN THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT WEBINAR TO BE HELD ON 25 AUGUST 2023**

The Council for the Built Environment (CBE) will be convening a Women in the Built Environment Webinar on 25 August 2023 under the theme “Accelerating socio-economic opportunities for empowerment of women” #EmbraceEquity. This Webinar seeks to engage and coordinate women in the Built Environment for a professional lecture on the critical role played by the planning profession in infrastructure development, incorporating planning in climate change adaptation and resilience strategy. The discussions are inline with the upcoming Climate Change Indaba geared towards developing a framework on how the sector can contribute towards the transition of the South African economy to one that is low-carbon and climate-resilient for consideration by the Presidential Climate Change Commission (PCCC). This is in line with sections 3 and 4 of the Council for the Built Environment Act 43 of 2000 which mandates the CBE to promote and protect the interests of the public in the built environment; promote and maintain a sustainable built environment and natural environment including discussions on sustainability; promote ongoing human resource development in the built environment; provide advice and consultation on national policy that could impact on the built environment; amongst others.

The CBE Act further encourages the coordination of joint initiatives and cooperation among the built environment sector role players. Section 3 (h) of the CBE Act mandates the CBE to serve as a forum where representatives of the built environment professions may discuss the following relevant matters affecting the industry: required qualifications, standards of education, training and competence, promotion of professional status and legislation impacting on the built environment. The CBE is responsible for regulating the following six built environment professions in South Africa - Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Engineering, Property Valuers, Project and Construction Management Professions, and Quantity Surveying and through memoranda of understanding these include Town and Regional Planning, Geomatics and Environmentalists.

In the main, the central mandate of the Council for the Built Environment is to:

- Transform the Built Environment Industry.
- Create skilled Built Environment professionals.
- Expedite the empowerment of women, youth and people living with a disability.

Therefore, we wish to extend this invitation as we believe that your participation on the topic at hand will enrich the discussion towards finding a way for the built environment sector to make a meaningful contribution towards mitigating the effects of climate change and ensuring sustainability in all respects. The Webinar details are as follows:

**Date:** 25 August 2023

**Time:** 12:00 – 14:00

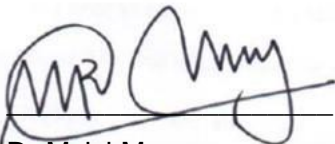
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**Meeting ID:** 833 8825 8636

**Passcode:** 695459

Should you require any further information / clarity kindly contact the Chief Transformation Officer, Ms Thembakazi Moya, at [Thembakazi@cbe.org.za](mailto:Thembakazi@cbe.org.za) and cc: [Martin@cbe.org.za](mailto:Martin@cbe.org.za). Please do not hesitate to contact my office for any further clarity that may be required in this regard.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MSI' followed by a stylized flourish, written over a horizontal line.

Dr Msizi Myeza

**Chief Executive Officer**