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MBSA Congress 2013 aims to 'bridge the gap'

Master Builders South Africa (MBSA) is one of the South African building industry's largest representative bodies and is the national body of the provincial Master Builders Associations and affiliated members. The annual MBSA Congress will be held at the Indaba Hotel and Conference Centre in Fourways, Johannesburg from 29 September to 1 October 2013.



The theme for this year's congress is 'Building South Africa: Bridging the gap', which aims to address the subjects of transformation, skills, standards and sustainability within the building and construction industry. The MBSA Congress brings together role players from different aspects of the industry including industry leaders, built environment professionals, academia, youth and member associations as well as the public sector. This is an opportunity to exchange information, participate in discussions and gain insight from the speakers and has the aim of facilitating collaboration that will contribute to the development of the industry and the country.

An important industry opportunity

"The industry has noted a slight but gradual recovery in 2013 which has contributed to industry confidence and growth, albeit slow. This makes the 2013 congress an ideal opportunity to address challenges our members' businesses face, look at ways to enhance skills capacity and review important infrastructure projects and opportunities in South Africa and the rest of the continent," says MBSA executive director, Tumi Dlamini.

Minister of Public Enterprises, Malusi Gigaba - whose department and its state-owned entities are responsible for the vast majority of public infrastructure spend - has confirmed that he will be this year's key-note speaker. "Over and above gaining insight from the minister's address, the congress provides a great opportunity to understand local and global best practices, keep up to date with leading and innovative trends, to network with industry members and to see who the top performers are in the Health and Safety Awards," adds Dlamini.

All members of the building and construction industry are invited to attend the MBSA Congress. For engineers, architects, construction managers, regulators or contractors both large and small the congress is an important event in the industry calendar to address issues effecting businesses. Construction managers, engineers and architects attending the congress

will gain Continuous Professional Development (CPD) points.

Sponsorship and exhibition opportunities are available to companies wishing to support the event and ensure visibility of their brand, products and services to industry players.

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