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BUILDING CLIMATE RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE

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The Council for the Built Environment (CBE), in collaboration with the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) is hosting a 2-day Climate Change Indaba in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal. The event, which kicked off on the 31st of August 2023, is held under the theme **"Restoring Access, Rebuilding Social Cohesion and Healing of Communities through Social Infrastructure."**

This Indaba aims to advise South Africa's Built Environment industry in order to support the Presidential Climate Change Commission's low-carbon, climate-resilient economic transition. "We are here to address the integration of the climate resilience policies and approaches that we should take, in the work that we do as professionals within the built environment," said DPWI Minister Sihle Zikalala.

The Minister said it was time for bold and pragmatic action that aligns policies with the ground realities. "Our climate policies must be underpinned by regulatory frameworks that empower transformative change," he added. Minister Zikalala urged professionals within the built industry to be equipped with the understanding of policies and skills to build climate resilient infrastructure.

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