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## MINISTER ZIKALALA INTRODUCES PROGRAMME OF STANDARDISATION AT SACPCMP CONFERENCE

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Soon after returning from his international work trip to the United Kingdom and Egypt, Minister Sihle Zikalala wasted no time getting back to his tight work schedule in his home country as he delivered a keynote address today at the South African Council for the Project and Construction Management Professions (SACPCMP) conference at Emperor's Palace in Kempton Park.

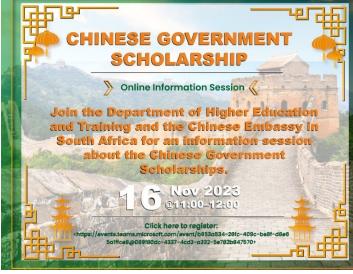
The conference's theme was Constructing Built Environment Sustainability, Digitisation and Inclusion. It was established with the three competency standards that have recently been introduced to the SACPCMP which enable the council to address the needs of an ever-developing built environment and they are: sustainability, digitisation as well as equity & inclusion.

One of the main issues Minister Zikalala spoke about in his address was the manner in which government is charged much higher than private companies to provide services. "A brick purchased by government may cost R150 but a brick sold to a private company may cost around R75. These are some of the hindrances that negatively impact the growth of the country," said Minister Zikalala. In an effort to counteract this, Minister Zikalala announced that the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) has entered into a programme of standardisation where facilities that serve the same purpose will have similar designs so as to regulate spending on such projects. The programme of standardisation will also give a sense of uniformity for all projects that are handled by the DPWI which will further strengthen the image of the department as a department that propels the functioning of South Africa like its slogan: **South Africa Works because of Public Works**.











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