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MINISTER DEAN MACPHERSON REPRESENTS SOUTH AFRICA AT 2025 GLOBAL PUBLIC WORKS CONFERENCE

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Minister Dean Macpherson represented the South African Government at the IPWEA International Public Works Conference (IPWC) 2025, held from 25 to 29 August, at the International Convention Centre, Sydney, Australia.

The 2025 IPWC was held under the theme *Shaping Tomorrow's World*, emphasising the urgency of building resilient, forward-thinking foundations for public works and engineering.

The five-day largest public works and infrastructure asset management conference in Australasia, featured discussions on current best practices, local and international case studies, and the latest technological innovations shaping the sector.

The Minister shared South Africa's vision for transforming its infrastructure and using public assets for public good, during his address at the conference. "We are honoured as South Africa to be invited for the first time to present how we are using public assets for the public good and working to turn South Africa into a construction site"

Minister Macpherson held key bilateral engagements with Australian counterparts to further discuss and explore strategies to optimise public infrastructure and asset management to serve the people of South Africa.

The IPWEA Conference remains a vital global platform for sharing expertise, fostering international partnerships, and driving innovation in public works and infrastructure.

Minister Macpherson spoke on the importance of this conference as a critical platform for advancing public asset management and infrastructure development. He expressed his keen interest in being part of the next conference to continue fostering collaboration and innovation in the sector.



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