

# RAYS OF HOPE IN 2018

**W**e are optimistic that 2018 will bring better fortune for our profession which was thrown into turmoil over the past few years mainly due to the shenanigans playing out at the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP). The lack of promulgation of the Identification of Work Framework (IDoW) and Professional Fees Scale only served to worsen the landscape of a profession already enduring high levels of distress.

In December 2017, the Minister of Public Works eventually took steps to intervene in affairs at SACAP by initially removing the remaining three council members and appointing five more. However, the aggrieved three members succeeded in overturning their dismissal from the council and were reinstated. We have engaged with the new members to apprise them of the untenable state of affairs of the profession; this will assist their interventions at SACAP.

## PRACTICE

Considerable budgetary allocations were channelled toward supporting the work of the Practice Committee,

which includes rolling out the Industry Benchmark and Fees Survey and the completion of the Practice Guidelines. These will be extremely beneficial in improving the practice environment for our members.

## MEMBERSHIP

A membership drive is underway to promote the Institute to new and younger members as current demographics show low numbers of members under 30 years of age. A category of affiliate members has been introduced to allow other professions in the built environment to forge closer relationships with the Institute.

## 2018 FORECAST

The political manoeuvres currently taking place in the ruling political party bring a new ray of hope for the economy. Greater investor confidence will result in more work opportunities for our members, auguring well for the profession. We will continue with our advocacy role of ensuring that the practice environment in the profession is made as conducive as possible.



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