



ECSCA CEO Siphon Madonsela



Prof Alf Goi, Chairman of CUT

came up. The first was that of mandatory registration with ECSCA. All were of the view that when it comes to public safety, the involvement of a PREng is non-negotiable.

However, Siphon did point out that compulsory registration can be divisive among engineers, and sometimes even evoke resistance. The Competition Commission may rear its head but, again, all agreed that it's essential to uphold high standards and norms.

In addition, government and recruitment agencies need to be sent a clear message that dealing with qualified and competent engineers, technicians and technologists is vital.

Siphon reports incidences of 'fronting' whereby a Pr Eng allows his/her certificate to be used by a 'pal' to land a contract when they, in fact, play no role in the contract execution.

Millenials

The second topic under discussion was that of the Identification of Work (IDOW). Some felt it was simple to implement citing that the Dept of Public Works already has IDOW in place, others felt it would involve a 'huge' complicated matrix and would be unwieldy from the start.

However, everybody was on the same page and heartily supported Gerhard Slabbert of Merseta who is encouraging engineers to sign up for their candidacy programme. "We have funding in place and would like more engineers to be enrolled particularly as we're going to need millennials to help us navigate an increasingly digital future."

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Gerhard Slabbert, Merseta

