

GREEN BUILDING CONVENTION



“Footprints are all the negative aspects to do with humankind’s journey on the planet. But handprints are all the positive aspects we do, relative to business as usual - those things that make a difference.”
– Jason McLennan

Jason McLennan, Living Building Challenge, was named by YES! Magazine as one of 15 people shaping the world.

GBCSA Convention 2019

It is heartening to see the annual Green Building Council of South Africa (GBCSA) Convention in its 12th year and still going strong. The Editor reports back from the convention held in the first week of October in Cape Town.

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The convention was opened by the Minister of Public Works, Patricia de Lille, who as a government minister, is head of the property development arm of the public sector – potentially a major green building client. Indeed, this sector has been very active and has recently had a number of properties certified.

De Lille said her department was seeking the best ways to build facilities and infrastructure for green outcomes. The government is highly supportive of the

green economy and according to her: ‘The transition to a green economy also aims to redress the adverse impact of the energy and carbon-intensive economy we are in.’

‘We are committed to working with the Green Building Council to create green living spaces,’ she added.

This commitment, said De Lille, included a three-way partnership between her department, the Agrément SA organisation and the GBCSA, to update two green building rating tools for government facilities. In this