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# 2025 MBSA ANNUAL CONGRESS

The 2025 Master Builders South Africa (MBSA) Annual Congress is set to be one of the most significant gatherings for the construction industry in recent years.

Taking place on Friday, 5 September 2025 at the iconic Sun City Resort in the North West Province, the congress will unite construction leaders, government, labour and industry stakeholders under the theme: "Turning SA Into a Construction Site: Collaborative Commitment to Accelerate Infrastructure Development and Investment".

Adding to the prestige of the event, delegates will also enjoy the much-anticipated Congress Golf Day on 4 September 2025 at the world-renowned Gary Player Golf Course, a fitting prelude to a gathering

dedicated to growth, collaboration and building SA's future.

**A DEFINING PLATFORM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY**  
This year's congress comes at a crucial time. SA is in urgent need of infrastructure renewal and investment, and the construction sector has emerged as the backbone of economic revitalisation. The 2025 theme signals a shift from discussion to delivery, highlighting the need for collaboration across government, business, labour and civil society to accelerate infrastructure-led growth.

By convening policy-makers, industry experts, financiers and development partners, the MBSA Congress will once again provide a high-level platform for actionable

insights, strategic engagement and a shared vision for the future of the built environment.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2025 PROGRAMME**  
Delegates can expect a dynamic programme tackling the most pressing questions facing the industry. Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure Dean Macpherson will set out government's roadmap to "turn SA into a construction site", outlining ambitious plans for accelerated infrastructure delivery and investment.

A high-level panel featuring contributions from organisations such as Proudly South African, Tri-Star, the MBSA leadership, leading economists and the Zimbabwe Building Contractors Association will unpack what is required to

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achieve infrastructure-led economic growth. Their discussions will range from strengthening industry capacity and skills to prioritising local procurement and ensuring collaboration across government, business and community stakeholders.

The SA National Roads Agency (SANRAL) will lead the discussion on public-private partnerships, focusing on unlocking investment and delivery at scale, while the Construction Education and Training Authority (CETA) will be spotlighted for its role in developing the skills pipeline critical to the country's infrastructure ambitions.

Adding further depth, a legal roundtable hosted by law firm Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr will provide expert



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insights into legislative reforms and compliance issues that can enable more effective infrastructure rollout. The day will conclude with closing reflections from MBSA leadership before members gather for the organisation's annual general meeting.

### ACKNOWLEDGING OUR PARTNERS

The CETA joins MBSA as the premium marketing partner for the 2025 Congress, underscoring the critical importance of skills development in building the sector's future.

"We're proud to have the CETA as our premium marketing partner for the 2025 Congress. Skills development is the foundation on which this industry will thrive and together, we're ensuring that SA's

construction sector is prepared to meet the challenges of tomorrow," says Sam Ngcongco, president of MBSA.

### THE MASTER BUILDERS BANQUET

The congress will culminate in the prestigious Master Builders Banquet on the evening of 5 September 2025.

The banquet will once again showcase the Master Builders National Safety Awards, recognising excellence in construction health and safety. Following a rigorous national audit and adjudication process, leading companies and projects will be honoured for their outstanding contributions to safeguarding the lives of workers and communities, while delivering construction excellence.

### WHY THE 2025 CONGRESS MATTERS

The 2025 MBSA Annual Congress is more than a calendar event: it is an industry-defining platform where vision meets action. By bringing together SA's most influential decision-makers and thought leaders, MBSA continues to position the construction sector as a driver of economic growth, job creation and social renewal.

As the country prepares to "turn into a construction site", the insights, commitments and collaborations forged at this congress will shape not just the sector's trajectory, but the nation's future. ■

For further details and to register for the congress, visit: [www.masterbuilders.org.za/annual-congress](http://www.masterbuilders.org.za/annual-congress).

