

FIDIC-GAMA 2017



Conference on Infrastructure

7 - 10 May | Cape Town | South Africa

CALL FOR PAPERS

ABOUT FIDIC-GAMA 2017

The FIDIC-GAMA Annual Conference is one of the biggest networking event for African consulting engineers. It provides a forum for consulting engineers, government officials from all three spheres of government (National, Provincial and Local), State Owned Entities, funding agencies, contractors, suppliers of construction equipment and materials, investors and other stakeholders in the built-environment from the public and private sectors to share ideas on best practices. The conference also provides opportunities to learn from each other effective ways of dealing with diverse challenges in order to achieve value for money and improving quality of life of the people.

Consulting Engineers South Africa will be organizing the 24th Annual FIDIC-GAMA Conference in South Africa at the Cape Town International Convention Centre. The conference will connect leading global players and partners in the infrastructure and consulting engineering sector to create innovative sustainable solutions and business opportunities.

The three-day FIDIC-GAMA Conference will start on 07-10 May, 2017 and will bring together over 350 delegates from across Africa and the rest of the world under the theme: “**African Partnerships for Sustainable Growth**”. The secondary focus of keynote speakers and delegates will be on **improving connectivity** of railway, ports, airports, national roads and water & energy in Africa, as catalyst to sustainable growth and development of member countries.

ABOUT FIDIC

FIDIC is the International Federation of Consulting Engineers, was founded in 1913 and one of its objective is to “Promote and assist the worldwide development of viable consulting engineering industries”. GAMA is the Group of Africa Member Associations of FIDIC. CESA is the Consulting Engineers South Africa, was founded in 1952 and one of the 16 member associations of GAMA.



SUGGESTED TOPICS

- **Sustainability**
 - In the Consulting Engineering environment sustainability is about building things in a responsible way without doing irreparable damage to the environment – responsible development.
 - sustaining consulting engineering is key to growing the economy
 - Free from corruption - A culture of honest business – an honest day’s work for an honest day’s pay – is something intrinsic to a culture. What can be done to raise this again?
 - “Engineering as a driver of sustainable social and economic development”
 - The sustainable development goals (SDGs) are more globally collaborative than the millennium development goals (MDGs)
- **Procurement**
 - Regulation and Procurement Biggest Issues facing Consulting Engineers
 - Licensing and registration of consulting engineers
 - Value for Money in Infrastructure Procurement
- **Regional/International Partnerships**
 - What advice would you give other African consulting engineering companies considering venturing across new borders?
 - How to create win-win partnerships with international and regional firms
- **Capacity building**
 - Education of engineers for international practice, the accreditation of engineering education programs to allow substantial equivalency agreements to be formed, and the mutual recognition of engineering licensing credentials across national borders must be pursued with deliberate speed.
 - Ability to attract and retain young talent.
 - Who is responsible for capacity?
- **Infrastructure investments**
 - What is the future for infrastructure financing in Africa?
 - How to move Africa’s regional infrastructure financing agenda forward.
- **Capital projects and infrastructure**
 - Connectivity and mobility of infrastructure across borders is crucial to sustainable development of African communities - freeways, ports/sea, airport, water and energy
 - Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want – comprise of 10 touchstones e.g. integrated high-speed train network
 - Africa’s most important infrastructure needs within the context of the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (Pida), which provides the framework to implement 51 priority programmes and projects in the sectors of energy, transport, broadband and trans-boundary water - The Nepad Agency
 - Special theme: Regional development and spatial inclusion policies in Africa
 - Regional Opportunities in Construction and Engineering
 - Africa’s rapid urbanisation

Prospective authors are, however, also invited to submit papers outside the listed topics, if their topics are within the general scope of the Conference - ***African Partnerships for Sustainable Growth.***



SUBMISSION OF PAPERS

Authors are invited to submit original papers in the areas aforementioned. Prospective authors should submit their abstracts (2-3 pages, 2-column) by 2 December 2016. (Remove authors' names and affiliations from the paper – double-blinded review is mandatory).

The paper should clearly explain the originality and the relevance to the fields, and should be uploaded in electronic format to the website of the symposium.

All submitted papers will be evaluated by a peer review process.

Authors whose papers are accepted for presentation will be requested to provide the final paper (4/6 pages, 2-column in GAMA format) by 28 February 2017 combined with a registration for each submitted paper.

WORKING LANGUAGE

The working language of the conference is English, which will be used for all printed material, presentations and discussions.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Deadline for receipt of Abstracts:	2 December 2016
Acceptance of Abstracts. Notification to Authors to finalise presentations/papers:	31 January 2017
Submissions of final papers/presentations	28 February 2017