

FIDIC-GAMA 2017



Conference on Infrastructure

7 - 10 May | Cape Town | South Africa

African Partnerships for Sustainable Growth



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ABOUT THE FIDIC-GAMA CONFERENCE

The FIDIC-GAMA Annual Conference is one of the biggest networking event for African consulting engineers and their clients.

The conference provides opportunities to learn from each other effective ways of dealing with diverse challenges to achieve value for money and improving quality of life of the people.

Consulting Engineers South Africa will be organizing the 24th 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 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 and national roads, water and energy, as catalysts to sustainable growth and development of each country, starting with member countries.

ABOUT FIDIC

FIDIC, 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 – Consulting Engineers South Africa, founded in 1952, is one of the 16 member associations of GAMA.



DATE AND VENUE

The 24th FIDIC-GAMA Conference (**#FIDIC_GAMA2017**) takes place from **07-10 May 2017** in South Africa at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC).

OBJECTIVES

The Conference theme is **“African Partnerships for Sustainable Growth”**. The secondary focus of keynote speakers and delegates will be on improving connectivity of railway, ports, airports and national roads, water and energy, as catalysts to sustainable growth and development of each country, starting with FIDIC-GAMA’s member countries. This is the African Partnerships discussion that will bring change to the African diaspora.

ATTENDANCE

The FIDIC-GAMA Annual Conference is an event 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.



SUBMISSION OF PAPERS

Authors are invited to submit original papers in the areas listed opposite (Suggested Topics). 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. See www.fidic-gama2017.org.za/).

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 registered delegate 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 submission of abstracts:	2 December 2016
Acceptance of abstracts and notification to authors to finalise presentations/papers:	31 January 2017
Submissions of final papers/presentations:	28 February 2017



SUGGESTED TOPICS

- 1 Sustainability:** In the Consulting Engineering environment sustainability is about responsible development, growing the economy, eradication of corruption, and implementation of sustainable development goals (SDGs)
- 2 Procurement:** The major procurement issues facing consulting engineers include achieving value-for-money in infrastructure procurement and the licencing of consulting engineers
- 3 Partnerships:** Exploring avenues for African consulting engineers to cross new borders and create win-win regional/international partnerships.
- 4 Capacity building:** Requirement and programmes for education and accreditation of engineers for international practice to attract and retain young engineering talent as well as the need to allocate responsibility for capacity building within the engineering sector.
- 5 Infrastructure Investments:** Exploring the future of the African infrastructure financing agenda and how to influence its progression.
- 6 Capital projects:** Presentation of infrastructure development programmes within the African content, in the context of regional opportunities and development against the background of Africa's rapid urbanisation.

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EXHIBITION

An exhibition will be held in conjunction with the conference. Exhibition space (3m X 3m) is available on a first come, first served basis. Organisations wishing to exhibit are requested to indicate their interest on the reply form.

FEES

Fees will be determined nearer to the date of conference. However, it is expected that an enrolment fee of approximately **850 US Dollar (USD)** will be levied for the Conference (2 days) and the Workshop (½ day).

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Suitable hotels in Cape Town will be listed. Courtesy transport will be provided daily between the conference venue, the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) and the appointed hotels.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The final announcement and registration form will be made available on www.fidic-gama2017.org.za/ from **30 November 2016**. An emailer will be sent to the people on the CESA, FIDIC and FIDIC-GAMA mailing lists (please send an email if you are unsure whether you are on the mailing list). Detailed information about the conference, social events, accommodation, transport and fees, etc. will be included in the Final Announcement.

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