



environmental affairs

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Environmental Affairs
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA



IAIA WESTERN CAPE BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & PRESENTATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS (DEA) ON THE STRATEGIC INTEGRATED PROJECTS (SIPs) STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS (SEAs)



Dear IAIA Members and other Interested Parties

The **IAIAsa Western Cape Branch**, has the pleasure to invite you to attend the 2015 Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the 5th August 2015 at 07:00 at the Hotel Verde (Cape Town International Airport), Africa's Greenest Hotel!

During this event, **Mrs Dee Fischer**: Chief Director of the DEA Integrated Environmental Management Unit and **Mr Surprise Zwane**: Director of the DEA Strategic Development Support Unit will present the recent findings of the Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEA) for the SIPs, which aim at providing a platform to coordinate and streamline the environmental authorisation process within sector departments and ensuring that environmental factors are adequately considered at the planning stage. Given the level of pre-assessment undertaken in the SIPs SEAs, and its strategic nature, the SIPs activities, with their associated infrastructure, that require environmental authorisation will follow a streamlined project level environmental assessment process. The scope of the project level environmental assessment process will be informed by development protocols, and will be undertaken in accordance with the relevant regulations current at the time, including an appropriate public participation process. It is intended for the findings of the SIPs SEAs to be presented to Cabinet and subsequently published in a Government Gazette.

The AGM agenda will be as follows:

- 06:45am - 07:00am** Registration – Tea/Coffee
- 07:00am - 07:30am** Welcome and Introduction - Presentation of the 2014/2015 IAIA Western Cape Branch Chairman's Report – **Lauren Elston** – *Chairman of the IAIA WC Branch (2015/2016)*
- 07:30am - 08:00am** Background to the national Department of Environmental Affairs Strategic Environmental Assessment Programme - Motivation - Intended Outcomes - Overview of Existing and Future Projects - **Mrs Dee Fischer** - Chief Director of the Integrated Environmental Management Unit of DEA
- 08:00am - 08:30am** Implementation of SEA outcomes - Gazetting Process - Legal mechanism to enable SEA outcomes - Existing legislation supporting use of SEAs - Anticipated timings Background to the national Department of Environmental Affairs Strategic Environmental Assessment - **Mr Surprise Zwane** - Director of the Strategic Development Support Unit of DEA
- 08:30am - 10:00am** Networking Breakfast

DATE: Wednesday 5th August; 07:00am until 10:00am

VENUE: Hotel Verde, 15 MICHIGAN STREET, AIRPORT INDUSTRIA, CAPE TOWN 7490. See map on the following page.

AGM FEE: IAIA Members: R55 / IAIA Non-members: R110 / Special non-member student price: R75

RSVP: If you wish to attend, please confirm via email to **Kim White** (Kim.White@aurecongroup.com) by no later than **Monday 27th July, 2015** by 12:00 (noon). Please indicate special catering requirements (vegan, Halaal, or Kosher) in your RSVP. The AGM fee **must be paid prior to the event** to the National IAIAAsa Bank Account - Account Name: IAIAAsa, Bank: Standard Bank, Account Number: 072 507 756, Branch: Rosebank 051001. **Please send proof of payment for the event to Kim White (see e-mail below) in order to secure your spot.** We also request, if you do RSVP, that you please attend, or cancel well in advance, so that we do not over-cater.



IAIAAsa is the South African affiliate of the International Association for Impact Assessment.

IAIAAsa provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and experiences to stimulate innovation in assessing, managing and mitigating the consequences of development.

Our core Objectives are

- ✓ To improve procedures and methods for integrated environmental management.
- ✓ To provide training of environmental professionals and professional quality assurance by peer review.
- ✓ To hold professional events, meetings and workshops for sustaining information networks.

Become a member now

IAIAAsa is not an exclusive organisation, and anyone with an active interest in environmental impact assessment and management can become a member. Environmental consultants, government officials, town planners, environmental law practitioners, NGOs, and academics will benefit from participating in the **IAIAAsa's** activities.

As a member of the IAIAAsa, you will

- ✓ Get the opportunity to network with other professionals in the field.
- ✓ Get the opportunity to attend events, meetings, workshops and/or fieldtrips (at least four per year).
- ✓ Receive monthly national and provincial newsletters.

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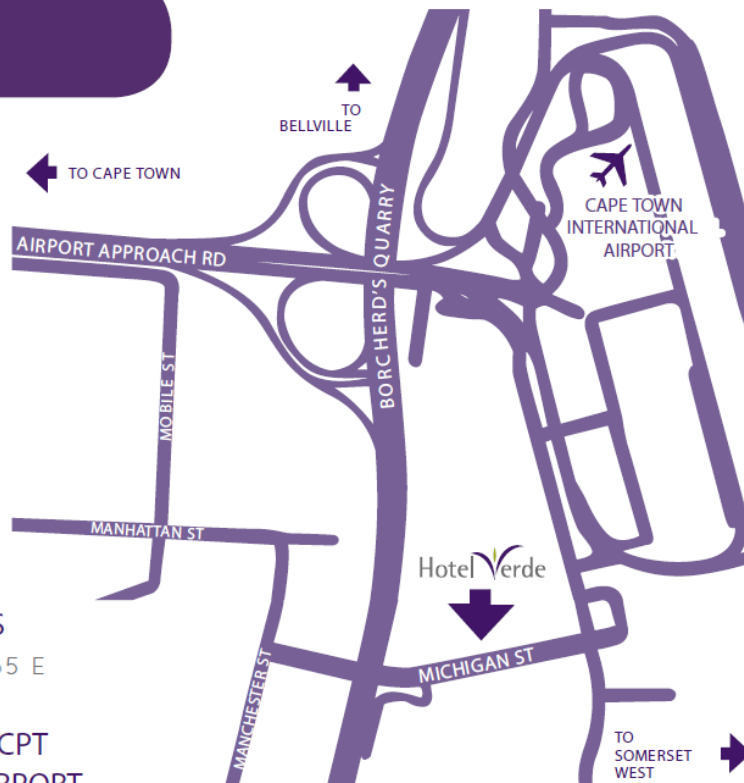
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