



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE:

**PROFESSIONAL OPEN DIALOGUE AND ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
ON THE DYNAMIC AND RAPID CHANGING NATURE OF PUBLIC
CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT BY CIVIL SOCIETY WITHIN THE
FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

JOINT PARTNERSHIP: IAIAsa –GAUTENG BRANCH AND IAP2SA



Are we moving with the ever changing times of public consultation and engagement or not? Are we listening to the voices of those impacted by activities affecting their livelihood? How can we improve and maximise collaborative opportunities through open dialogue and partnership?

Join us in an open dialogue with professional experts as we unpack some of the intricacies and realist nature of public engagement in the current socio-economic environment and the role of legislation in the environmental processes.

Date: 20 February 2018

Time: 08H30 (registration) until 12H00 (finger lunch)

Venue: Aurecon Consulting Offices, Lynnwood Bridge Office Park, 4 Daventry Street, Lynnwood Manor, Tshwane

MOTIVATION FOR OPEN DIALOGUE

The landscape of environmental, social, public participation and **community engagement** is ever **changing**. **Rapid development in technology**, rampant **economic and political changes across the globe**, widespread use of **social media** and a decline in **public trust** have created **new challenges** for **governments, organisations** and **institutions**. Add to that the **growing desire** of citizens to participate in building the **democratic architecture** of **their countries** and **communities** and it is obvious that a **proven framework** for effective collaboration and partnership amongst **environmental, social and public participation specialist** has never been **more essential**.

IAIAsa and IAP2 have set the bar for practical tools and methodologies to transcend national and cultural boundaries in environmental and public engagement fields.

A number of extremely negative experiences in the past years, where stakeholders have felt left out, marginalised and used as a tick-box exercise, started IAIAsa and IAP2SA **thinking**, that a **professional open dialogue and round table discussion is required** where these aspects get **discussed** and **brought out into the open** and – as true public participation practitioners – **transparent solutions** and a **way forward** could be sought, to stem **the tide of negativity around what citizens** deem as white washing and disrespect.

The **dialogue aims** to **concentrate on developmental projects** and hopes to **discuss both failures and good news stories delivered by experts in the public and private sectors**.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

The Professional Open Dialogue and Discussion is a platform for environmental and social specialists, public participation practitioners and community engagement specialists, government agencies, financial institutions and infrastructure developers to discuss the challenges and explore solutions that will see public engagement recover its credibility as vehicle for making the public's voice heard and ensuring successful development through collaboration.

SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCES BY:



Ms Babalwa Fatyi

Founder and Managing Director of Myezo Environmental Management Services (Pty) Ltd, an environmental consulting company, that provides a range of environmental services, cutting across various sectors and also specialising in the mining sector, land and marine operations.

She is a registered:

- Professional Natural Scientist, with Master of Science, from the University of Witwatersrand (Cum Laude).
- Environmental Auditor: Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA), Lincoln, UK.

She has published in Journals such as the South African Journal of Botany; Journal of Arid Environments; Australian Journal of Botany, amongst others. She has authored two poetry books, namely: "Greetings from my core" (which is a poetry book that addresses themes of social cohesion, economic emancipation and environmental stewardship); and "When Mulberry Trees are Uprooted". She has humbly received Celebrating Excellence in Organizations Global: Africa's Most Influential

Women Awards. She was a finalist in the Arts and Culture Sector, 2015 and Professional Services Sector, 2017. Woman Entrepreneur of the Year for the Standard Bank Tshwane Business Awards, 2016.

Her poetry is a realisation of where we have come from environmentally and where we are, with respect to legislation and various implementation tools, we collectively adopt. She ponders on what has brought these changes and portrays a prophetic vision of unity and success, as we hold hands together within all our spheres of influence, to honour the hand that feeds us 'our environment'.



Ms Sophia Tlale

Sophia Tlale is a professional Scientist in the Environmental Science and Water Resources Science fields with the South African Council of Natural (SACNASP). She has two MSc. Degrees, one on Environmental Science and Technology from the Institute of IHE Delft in the Netherlands and the other on Environmental Engineering from the University of Witwatersrand. She has completed an Advanced Project Management (APM) course with UNISA.

Sophia worked for Lesotho Government in the Nature Conservation Sector before she joined SM Consulting Engineers Company where she worked as the Environmental Director for the company.

Her environmental experience is on water resources management e.g. water quality monitoring, instream flow requirements (Lesotho Highlands Water Project), Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs), environmental auditing, preparation, implementation and monitoring of Environmental Management Plans (EMPs).

Some of the key projects she has worked on, include Lesotho Highlands Water Project (LHWP), Lets'eng Mine, Lihobong Mine, construction projects in South Africa, Mohale Dam construction project and Mahlasela Ski Resort Project.

She is currently an Environmental Manager at Trans Caledon Tunnel Authority (TCTA), working on projects which focus on construction of pipelines and water treatment plants for the Acid Mine Drainage project at Witwatersrand.

She is a member of Water Institute of Southern Africa (WISA), International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIASa), Land Rehabilitation Society of Southern Africa (LARSSA) and Southern African Society of Aquatic Scientists (SASAqS).

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CONTACT AND RESERVATION DETAILS:

Registration Link:

<http://iaiasagppublicparticipation.myactive.co.za/capturedetails/registration.aspx>

Fees:

Members of IAIASa and IAP2 – free

Non-members – R200/person

Non-members (students, proof to be provided) – R100/person

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