MEDIA STATEMENT

ECSA and SAICE Partner to Host Symposium on Engineering as a Catalyst for Sustainable Development

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The Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) has partnered with the South African Institution of Civil Engineering (SAICE) to host the inaugural Engineering Symposium from 25-26 March 2026 at the Galleria in Sandton.

With SAICE marking over 120 years of professional contribution and ECSA upholding its statutory responsibility for the engineering profession, this collaboration represents a significant step towards strengthening the role of engineering in national development and continental progress.

Anchored under the theme "***Engineering for Sustainable Development: Empowering Innovation, Inclusion, and Impact",*** the Symposium will convene over 300 delegates from South Africa, the African continent, and abroad, including government, state-owned entities, voluntary associations, academia, industry leaders, and students.

The first of its kind for the engineering fraternity, this landmark gathering is designed to:

- Address shared challenges such as climate resilience, water security, sustainable infrastructure, and energy transitions.
- Explore the future of engineering through digital transformation, smart cities, ethics in governance, and the evolving skills landscape.
- Advance the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through practical, scalable solutions.

Commenting on the event, Mr Voltaire Shai, ECSA Executive: Strategy & Growth, noted: "The Symposium is more than a meeting of minds; it is a collective commitment by the engineering community to shape an inclusive and sustainable future. Together with SAICE's heritage of service and ECSA's mandate to lead and transform the profession, we are creating a platform that has resonance not only in South Africa, but across Africa and globally."

The two - day programme will close off with the Engineering Industry Awards Evening which seek to shine a spotlight on individuals and organisations making an enduring contribution to the profession, setting benchmarks for excellence, transformation, and innovation.

On 27 March 2026, the annual Fundraising Golf Day will be held at Randpark Golf Club and provides an opportunity for organisations and stakeholders alike to sow a seed into the lives of engineering students who are financially strained as well as support women in engineering programmes.

More information about the programme and participation opportunities is available on the official Symposium website: https://symposium.ecsa.co.za/

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ECSA is responsible for the registration of engineering professionals, accreditation of engineering programmes, prescription and enforcement of a Code of Conduct, and the disciplining of unprofessional conduct. Through these functions, ECSA safeguards the public, enhances the integrity of the profession, and contributes to the development of competent and ethical engineering practitioners who are vital to the country's infrastructure and socioeconomic development.

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