



*The Engineering Professions
Association Of Namibia*

NEWSLETTER

JULY 2026 • 44TH AGM EDITION



Professional knowledge. Ethical leadership. National impact.

Contract training, EPA's 44th AGM and the profession's next chapter.

IN THIS EDITION

- 02 From the President
- 03 FEATURE: Contract knowledge in practice
- 04 FEATURE: The 44th AGM
- 05 AGM continued: Leadership transition

- 06 EPA's regional engagement
- 07 Upcoming CPD: Road Safety Audits
- 08 Engineering Excellence Awards
- 09 Looking ahead and member contributions

A Stronger EPA Begins With Active Members

President Ms Sophie Tekie introduces a Council term focused on professional value, participation and national impact.



Welcome to the July 2026 edition

It is an honour to serve as President of the Engineering Professions Association of Namibia. The incoming Council assumes this responsibility as Namibia advances major infrastructure, energy, mining, industrial and digital ambitions.

EPA must remain relevant to its members while contributing constructively to national development. We will strengthen professional development, support implementation of the Engineering Profession Bill, expand opportunities for young engineers and women in engineering, and deepen collaboration with government, academia, industry and fellow professional bodies.

This newsletter will also grow into a platform for Namibia's wider engineering story. We invite professionals, employers, public institutions and universities to share projects, innovation, achievements, challenges and lessons from practice.

The strength of EPA will be measured by the value we create together.

I invite every member to participate and help shape the Association we need.

Ms Sophie Tekie • President, EPA

Contract Knowledge Strengthened Through Shared Practice

EPA's five-day GCC 2015 and JBCC Edition 6.2 programme brought practitioners together to connect contract principles with the realities of project delivery.



A practical response to project risk

From 15 to 19 June 2026, the Engineering Professions Association of Namibia hosted the Namibia GCC 2015 and JBCC Edition 6.2 courses at Arebbusch Travel Lodge in Windhoek. Presented by the School of Consulting Engineering and Consulting Engineers South Africa, the programme focused on contract administration, risk allocation, claims, dispute resolution and sound project-delivery practice.

COURSE PROGRAMME

15–17 June 2026
Namibia GCC 2015

18–19 June 2026
JBCC Edition 6.2

The strength of the programme was its mix of perspectives. Engineers, project managers, contract administrators and technical professionals from public institutions, local authorities, consulting firms and contractors tested the contract provisions against real project situations. Their questions and shared experience turned the room into an active professional-learning environment.

Participating organisations included Otesa Civil Engineering, the Office of the President, Roads Fund Administration, PHIM Consulting Engineers, Bicon Namibia, Denchi Consulting Engineers, Katima Mulilo Town Council, Roads Authority and Rehoboth Town Council.

OUTCOME • Stronger professional judgement supports fairer contracts, better risk management and more successful projects

The 44th AGM Connected Institutional Recovery with Renewal

Members reviewed the Association's performance, adopted governance reports and prepared EPA for a new leadership term.



The Engineering Professions Association of Namibia convened its 44th Annual General Meeting at Arebbusch Travel Lodge Conference Centre. Master of Ceremonies Mr Rianus !Gonteb welcomed members, invited guests and stakeholders before the meeting opened with the African Union Anthem and the Namibian National Anthem.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Prof. Gert Cloete reported membership growth, wider CPD delivery, technical visits, renewed partnerships, the National Adjudicators List, the relaunched newsletter and progress on the EPA Strategic Plan.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr Mervin Kambanda reported improved income, healthier reserves and disciplined expenditure. Members unanimously adopted the Treasurer's Report and audited financial statements.

The reports confirmed that EPA had moved beyond post-pandemic recovery and now had a stronger platform from which to expand member services, advocacy and professional development.

Leadership Changed, but EPA's Professional Purpose Remained Clear

The AGM combined ethical reflection, recognition of service and a forward programme for the incoming Council.



Moral leadership

Professor Shahin Azadeh reminded members that technical competence must be matched by integrity, accountability, humility and service to society.

Service recognised

Incoming President Ms Sophie Tekie thanked Prof. Gert Cloete for his dedicated three-year term and the stronger platform left to the new Council.

Council 2026–2028

Members elected a new Council led by President Ms Sophie Tekie and Vice-President Mr Rianus !Gonteb, with Prof. Gert Cloete serving as Immediate Past President.

THE INCOMING COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

- Support implementation of the Engineering Profession Bill
- Expand relevant, high-quality CPD
- Increase participation through committees and working groups
- Establish Young Engineers and Women in Engineering committees
- Strengthen partnerships with government, academia and industry
- Increase professional advocacy on national engineering matters
- Uphold ethics, professionalism and accountability
- Encourage mentorship and service by members

CONCLUSION • The AGM closed with a call for members to become active contributors to EPA's next chapter.

EPA Carries Namibia's Engineering Voice into Regional Forums

Participation at ICTA 2026 connected local professional priorities with Africa's transport, infrastructure and mobility agenda.



The 11th International Conference on Sustainable Transportation in Africa, held in Windhoek from 7 to 9 July 2026, brought together policymakers, engineers, researchers and industry leaders under the theme “Sustainable, Safe and Smart Transport, Logistics and Tourism for Economic Growth.”

Representing EPA, President Ms Sophie Tekie highlighted the responsibility of engineering professionals to deliver safe, resilient and sustainable transport infrastructure. She called for stronger collaboration, innovation, professional development and knowledge sharing across the continent.

A CONTINENTAL OPPORTUNITY

Discussions considered stronger collaboration with African consulting-engineering networks and the potential for agreements that could support cross-border professional services and opportunities for Namibian firms.



*The Engineering Professions
Association Of Namibia*



Conducting Road Safety Audits

A five-day intensive course adapted to Namibia

5–9 OCTOBER 2026

08:00–16:30 • WINDHOEK

5 ECSA CPD POINTS
**Accepted by the Engineering
Council of Namibia**

Presenters

Dr Louis Roodt PrEng

Local Expert Presenter

Prof. Petrina Johannes, PrEng

Professor of Civil Engineering • Registered Professional Engineer (Namibia) • Road Safety and Transportation Engineering Specialist • Researcher and Consultant in Road Infrastructure and Sustainable Mobility

Who should attend

Civil-engineering practitioners seeking to become road safety auditors or serve on audit teams, as well as officials responsible for commissioning, reviewing or assessing Road Safety Audit reports. A basic grounding in geometric road design or traffic engineering is expected.

What the course covers

The Safe System approach; audit purpose, roles and requirements; audit types and process; risk identification and classification; practical site assessment; audit reporting; legal implications; and formal closeout. Group assignments include a daytime and night-time site visit.

SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION

Attendance on all five days, active group participation and a short audit report submitted within two weeks are required for the certificate of successful completion.

COURSE FEES INCLUDING VAT

EPA members: R15,000 • Non-members: R15,500

ENQUIRIES AND REGISTRATION

epa@africaonline.com.na • +264 81 833 4621 • www.engineers-namibia.org

COMING IN NOVEMBER 2026

Namibia's first Engineering Excellence Awards

Celebrating engineering achievement, innovation and national impact.

The Engineering Professions Association of Namibia, together with partners across the engineering industry, will host the inaugural Namibian Engineering Excellence Awards in November 2026.

The Awards will recognise outstanding professionals, projects, organisations, innovation, leadership and contributions to Namibia's development. They will also make local achievement more visible and inspire the next generation of engineering professionals.

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

Award categories, nomination procedures, eligibility requirements and key dates will be shared in subsequent newsletters and official EPA communications.

For more information

Enquiries: Ms. Martha Kautanevali
gkautanevali@gmail.com

WATCH THIS SPACE!

Future Editions will Tell more of Namibia's Engineering Stories

EPA is developing the newsletter into a platform for professional intelligence, local achievement, practical learning and member participation.

Infrastructure and delivery

Roads, rail, ports, aviation, water, municipalities and major project lessons.

Energy and industry

Mining, renewables, green hydrogen, oil and gas, manufacturing and local content.

Young engineers

Graduate recruitment, internships, mentorship, student activities and emerging professionals.

Technology and innovation

AI, automation, digital twins, smart infrastructure and locally developed solutions.

Professional practice

Legislation, registration, CPD, standards, procurement, ethics and public safety.

Partnerships and service

Local and international partners, academia, corporate responsibility and volunteering.

SHARE YOUR STORY

Members and partner organisations are invited to submit projects, innovation, professional milestones, research, technical lessons, industry opportunities and matters requiring the profession's attention.

EPA will also engage members to understand how the Association can serve them better, the support they need and the issues EPA should champion.

SUBMISSIONS AND ENQUIRIES

Prof. Petrina Johannes • Petrina_johannes@yahoo.co.uk

Engineering Professions Association of Namibia