

Agrement South Africa Hosts Stakeholder Consultative Workshop in Kimberley to Review ASA Act and Strengthen the Built Environment Sector

On 22 May 2026, Agrément South Africa (ASA), in collaboration with key government and industry stakeholders, hosted a stakeholder consultative workshop in Kimberley, Northern Cape, as part of the ongoing review of the ASA Act. The workshop formed part of broader efforts to strengthen the legislative and regulatory framework that supports innovation and sustainable infrastructure development within South Africa's built environment sector.

The consultative session brought together representatives and officials from various national and provincial institutions to engage on opportunities for improving the effectiveness and responsiveness of the current ASA Act. Participating stakeholders included ASA, the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI) (Policy, Research and Regulations), DPWI Regional Offices, the Northern Cape Department of Roads and Public Works, the South African Police Service (SAPS), the Northern Cape Department of Justice and Constitutional Development, the Department of Home Affairs, the National Home Builders Registration Council (NHBRC), the Department of Cooperative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (COGHSTA), the Northern Cape Department of Education (Infrastructure), and the Northern Cape Department of Correctional Services.

Discussions focused on strengthening the implementation of Socio-Economic Impact Assessments (SEIAS), identifying gaps and challenges within the existing ASA Act, and proposing amendments aimed at enhancing its relevance and impact. Stakeholders also explored ways to ensure that the legislative framework remains responsive to evolving industry needs and national development priorities.

An additional focus area of the workshop was advancing innovation within the construction and infrastructure sector through broader engagement on the certification of non-standardised building products and systems. These discussions highlighted the importance of creating enabling mechanisms that support alternative and innovative building technologies while maintaining quality, performance, and safety standards.

The workshop further reinforced the importance of collaborative governance and stakeholder participation in shaping a more sustainable, inclusive, and resilient built environment. Through constructive dialogue and shared expertise, participants contributed valuable insights toward creating a regulatory environment that promotes socioeconomic growth and supports efficient infrastructure delivery across South Africa.

The stakeholder consultation process remains an important step in ensuring that the revised ASA Act continues to support innovation, improve service delivery, and respond effectively to the changing needs of the built environment sector.