

## Agrément South Africa Technical Forum Advances Innovation for a Sustainable Built Environment

Agrément South Africa (ASA) hosted its Industry and Stakeholder Technical Forum on 8 September 2026 at the Tshwane University of Technology (TUT) Main Campus. The forum provided an important platform for industry stakeholders to engage, exchange knowledge and explore opportunities to advance innovation within South Africa's built environment.

Held under the theme ***"Diffusing Certified Innovative Building Technologies for a Sustainable Built Environment,"*** the forum highlighted the critical role of collaboration in accelerating the adoption and application of innovative building technologies.

The event brought together a diverse network of stakeholders, including industry partners, government institutions, research organisations, academia, regulators, professional bodies and other key players within the built environment. The broad participation reflected the importance of partnerships in strengthening innovation, research, knowledge exchange and transformation across the sector.

The discussions also emphasised the importance of moving innovative technologies beyond research and development towards wider market adoption. Effective knowledge-sharing and collaboration between academia, industry, government and other stakeholders are essential to creating an enabling environment in which new technologies can be tested, certified, understood and implemented.

TUT's support as the main sponsor of the forum further demonstrated the value of collaboration between higher education institutions and industry in advancing research, innovation and knowledge development in the built environment.

ASA extends its sincere appreciation to the **Tshwane University of Technology**, industry partners, presenters, stakeholders and all participants whose contributions helped make the Technical Forum a valuable platform for engagement and knowledge exchange.

ASA remains committed to facilitating innovation, strengthening collaboration and supporting the responsible diffusion of certified innovative building technologies for the benefit of the built environment and society.