

Newsletter #22



CEO’s Overview

It is with great pride that I reflect on another productive and impactful quarter for ASA. The period has been marked by meaningful stakeholder engagement, strengthened partnerships, important organisational milestones, and continued progress in advancing ASA’s mandate.

The quarter commenced with the Review of the ASA Act, with stakeholder consultations held in Kempton Park, Gauteng, on 3 July 2026. The review provides an important opportunity to ensure that the legislative framework governing ASA remains relevant, responsive, and aligned with the evolving needs of the construction sector. We value the contributions of all stakeholders who participated in this important process.

CEO’s Overview cont...

Building on this engagement, ASA hosted the Technical Forum on 8 September 2026. The forum provided an important platform for technical stakeholders to engage on matters relating to technical assessment, certification, innovation, and developments within the built environment. These engagements are critical in ensuring that ASA remains responsive to industry needs while maintaining the technical excellence and credibility expected of the organisation.

This was followed by the virtual Certificate Holders Forum on 16 September 2026, which ASA had the honour of hosting. The forum provided an opportunity to engage directly with our certificate holders, share information, address matters of common interest, and strengthen relationships with organisations that form an important part of ASA’s certification ecosystem. The continued participation and valuable contributions of our certificate holders demonstrate the importance of collaborative engagement in advancing our shared objectives.

A significant highlight of the quarter was ASA’s opportunity to host the World Federation of Technical Assessment Organisations (WFTAO) 2026 Annual General Meeting, held from 29 September to 1 October 2026. Hosting this prestigious international gathering was a privilege and an important recognition of ASA’s contribution to the global technical assessment community.

CEO’s Overview cont...

The WFTAO AGM was particularly special as the organisation celebrated 30 years since its establishment. The anniversary celebrations provided an opportunity to reflect on three decades of collaboration, technical excellence, innovation, and the important contribution of technical assessment organisations to the built environment globally.

During the AGM, ASA further strengthened its international relationships by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with DiBT of Germany. This agreement represents an important step towards enhanced collaboration, knowledge sharing, and the strengthening of technical assessment capabilities. As part of the programme, delegates also had the opportunity to visit the CSIR laboratories, showcasing South Africa’s capabilities in research, science, technology, and innovation.

From a governance and organisational performance perspective, I am particularly pleased to highlight that ASA has achieved a clean audit for two consecutive years. This achievement is a testament to the organisation’s commitment to good governance, accountability, sound financial management, compliance, and the responsible stewardship of public resources. It is a significant accomplishment and one that reflects the collective commitment of the ASA team.

Another important organisational milestone during this period was the appointment of Mrs Phumla Cele as Executive Manager: Corporate Services. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Cele into this important leadership position. Her appointment strengthens ASA’s executive management capacity and will support the continued enhancement of our corporate services and organisational effectiveness.

CEO’s Overview cont...

The achievements of this quarter demonstrate that ASA continues to strengthen its role as a trusted technical assessment organisation, both nationally and internationally.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the Board, Management, and staff for their dedication and commitment throughout the quarter. I also extend our gratitude to our certificate holders, industry partners, government stakeholders, technical experts, WFTAO members, and all our partners for their continued support and contribution to ASA’s work.

As we look ahead, our focus remains firmly on technical and service excellence, stakeholder value, good governance, innovation, and delivering on our mandate in support of a safe, sustainable, and resilient built environment.

Amended Certificates

Africa Tanks – 2023/645

The use of Africa Tanks for rainwater harvesting and other manufacturer's approved liquids. The tanks are available in vertical and horizontal profiles and are used in all regions of South Africa for all types of occupancy classifications (**SANS 10400:2022 Table 1 of Regulation A (20) (1)).**

All liquid storage tanks are as per Safripol or Chevron Phillips Chemicals Technical data sheet requirements. Africa Tanks were not assessed for underground installations.



Approved Certificates

NonCrete Funicular Floor and Roofing System - 2026/674

The NonCrete Funicular Floor and Roofing System as a suspended floor and roof system in single- and multi-storey buildings, where the supporting structure is designed to accommodate the vertical and horizontal reactions generated by the funicular arch action.

Gridrep Interlocking System – 2026/673

Gridrep is a modular interlocking grid system manufactured from recycled Polypropylene. It is a mechanical road stabiliser of unpaved roads and a pothole repairer for existing roads in rural areas and low traffic volume roads. The system comprises clip together grid panels that form a continuous-confinement layer across the road surface. Each panel has dimensions of 600 mm × 500 mm × 40 mm.





Approved Certificates cont...

Ecosential Plus Roofing Radiant Barrier – 2026/676

The Ecosential Plus Roofing Radiant Barrier is suitable for use and installation in timber or light-weight steel roofs as an underlay roofing radiant barrier and thermal insulation in all tiled or metal roofs. This product can be used in residential buildings for conventional or Agrément Approved roof construction in all regions of South Africa for occupancies and storey heights in which Class A2, A2─s1, d0 underlay roofing radiant barrier is permitted for installation (**SANS 10400: Table 1 of Regulation A (20) (1))**.

General Purpose Undertile Membrane – 2026/677

The General-Purpose Undertile Membrane is suitable for use and installation in timber or light-weight steel roofs as an underlay roofing membrane in all tiled or metal roofs. This product can be used in residential buildings for conventional or Agrément Approved roof construction in all regions of South Africa for occupancies and storey heights in which a thin Class E, E─s3, d2 underlay, fully covered by roof covering, and is permitted for installation under SANS 10400-T (**SANS 10400: Table 1 of Regulation A (20) (1))**.





Regulation Meets Innovation: ASA’s Gauteng Workshop Delivered

ASA recently brought together diverse voices from across the built environment for a consultative workshop held in Kempton Park, Gauteng. The engagement went beyond a routine review of the ASA Act it set out to shape a future where regulation fuels innovation, supports sustainability, and unlocks socio-economic growth.

Stakeholders actively refined Socio-Economic Impact Assessments (SEIAS), closed legislative gaps, and advanced the certification of non-standardised construction products.

Together, participants built a responsive regulatory framework that empowers infrastructure delivery, strengthens communities, and drives inclusive development across South Africa.


Journey of


Introduction: Some Assessment Tests Conducted



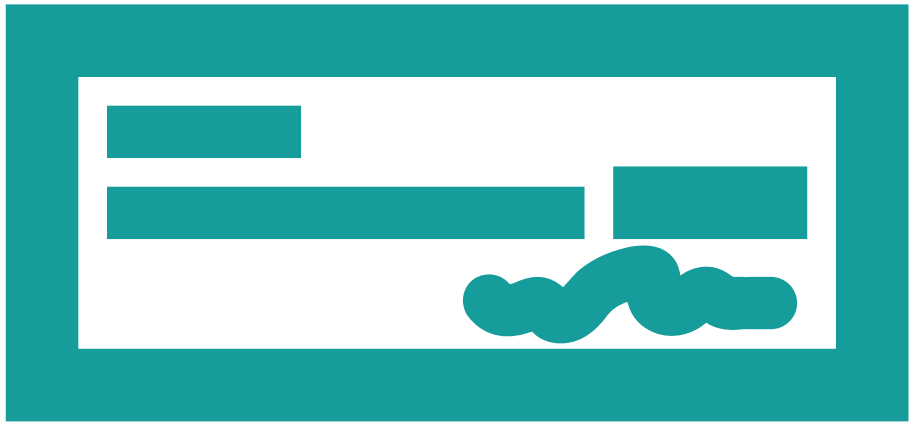

PROGRAMME
Stakeholders' Engagement Workshop on the Review of the Agrément South Africa Act
Programme Director – ASSDI: Policy, Research & Regulations

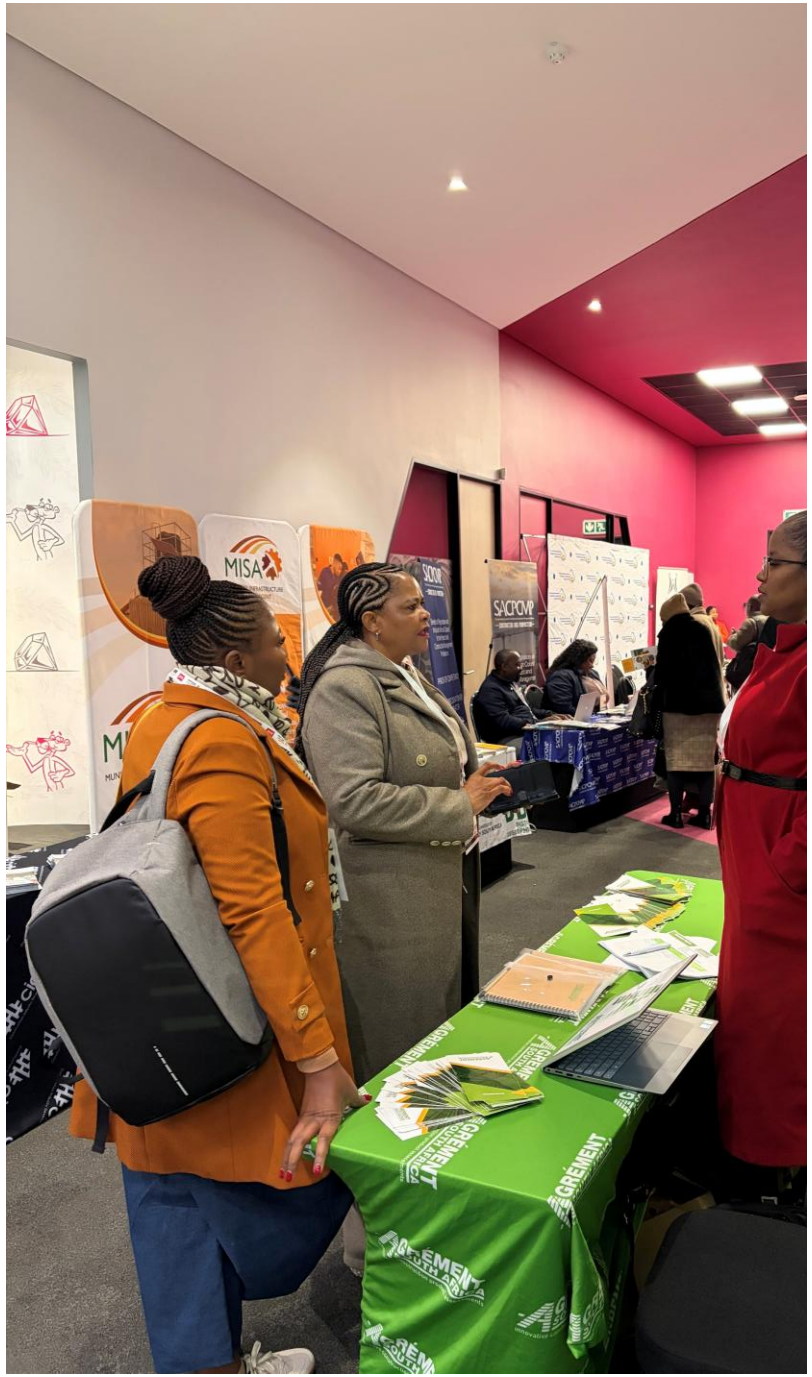

PROGRAMME
Stakeholders' Engagement Workshop on the Review of the Agrément South Africa Act
Programme Director – ASSDI: Policy, Research & Regulations

Strengthening Confidence in South Africa's Built Environment: ASA Joins National Infrastructure Summit

The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI), in partnership with the Council for the Built Environment (CBE), hosted the 2nd Public Works and Infrastructure Summit at the Focus Room in Sandton, under the theme "From Collapse to Confidence Strengthening Public and Building Safety, Asset Management and Infrastructure Delivery."

ASA took its place among the exhibitors, showcasing the role it plays in driving innovation and safeguarding quality assurance across the built environment. More than just a conference, the summit served as a national platform where government, industry, built environment professionals, and academia came together to shape practical solutions strengthening public safety, improving infrastructure delivery, and restoring confidence in South Africa's built environment.




MISA
SACPCMP


FOCUS
rooms





Sustainable Infrastructure Development Symposium South Africa

SIDSSA 2026 | Day One Opened with a Leaders Forum That Set the Bar

The Sustainable Infrastructure Development Symposium South Africa 2026 got underway with a Leaders Forum chaired by the Minister of Public Works and Infrastructure, Hon. Dean Macpherson a session that wasted no time getting to the heart of the country's infrastructure agenda.

Around the table were political principals, Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Mayors and senior executives, all weighing in on three questions that shape delivery on the ground: how to move infrastructure projects faster, how to build municipal capacity that holds, and how to keep every rand of investment pulling in the direction of South Africa's development goals.

The tone for the day was set by Former President H.E. Thabo Mbeki, whose keynote made the case for infrastructure as a catalyst for sustainable growth.

ASA was proud to be in the room. Conversations like this one are where innovation, quality assurance and sustainability meet and where the work of building a capable state actually begins






cidb
Construction Industry Development Board
CBE
COUNCIL FOR THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT
AGRÉMENT SOUTH AFRICA
innovative construction product assessments
idt
independent development trust






H.E THABO MBEKI
Former President of the Republic of South Africa

SIDSSA26 | Wrapping Up: Infrastructure for Growth and Competitiveness

The Sustainable Infrastructure Development Symposium South Africa (SIDSSA26) concluded in Cape Town with a strong focus on *“Shaping the Future of Municipal Infrastructure.”*

In his keynote address, President Cyril Ramaphosa underscored the pivotal role of infrastructure in driving inclusive economic growth and regional integration. He highlighted how South Africa had addressed a fragmented infrastructure development system through the Infrastructure Development Act and the establishment of Infrastructure South Africa, noting significant expansion in the Strategic Integrated Projects pipeline.

The Symposium closed with a high-level Mayoral Leadership Exchange on *“Building Africa’s Competitive Port Cities: Infrastructure as a Catalyst for Trade, Logistics and Investment.”* Mayors and municipal leaders engaged in robust deliberations on how infrastructure could strengthen Africa’s port cities as dynamic hubs for trade and investment, positioning them as catalysts for competitiveness and sustainable growth.






SIDSSA 26
23-25 August
Sustainable Infrastructure Development Symposium South Africa
INFRASTRUCTURE









ASA Strategic Planning Session Day 1

ASA recently held its strategic planning session in preparation for the 2027/28 financial year.

The opening day created space to look back on the organisation's journey, assess performance, and examine the broader operating environment. Delegates worked together to chart the way forward, laying a strong foundation for a future-focused institution ready to meet sector needs and drive meaningful change.

The session was designed to surface challenges and potential solutions, while setting measurable targets and output indicators to strengthen service delivery

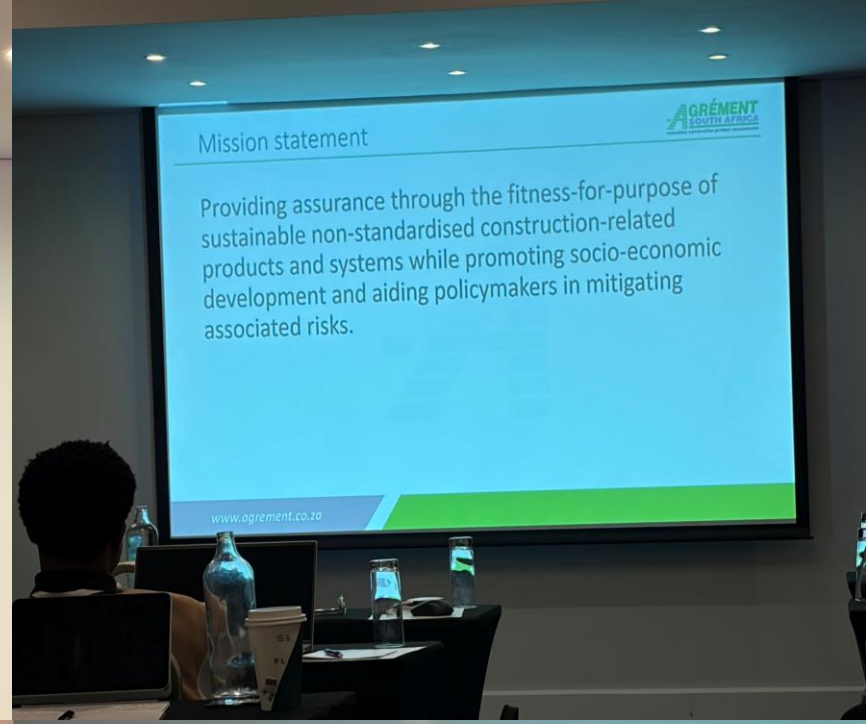
The planning process was anchored on six key pillars:

- Organisational optimisation
- Regulatory capacity and enforcement
- Customer focus
- Financial sustainability
- Stakeholder management and collaboration
- Transformation

This strategic planning session marked an important milestone in positioning ASA as a resilient, responsive, and future-ready organisation within the built environment sector.


GRÉMENT
SOUTH AFRICA
www.agrement.co.za


GRÉMENT
SOUTH AFRICA
innovative construction product assessments
Agrément South Africa evaluates the fitness-for-purpose of non-standardised construction products, materials and systems against performance-based criteria. Our range of approved innovative products and building systems includes, but are not limited to:
Walling and building systems
Road products
Sanitation systems
Plumbing systems
Access control doors


Mission statement
Providing assurance through the fitness-for-purpose of sustainable non-standardised construction-related products and systems while promoting socio-economic development and aiding policymakers in mitigating associated risks.
www.agrement.co.za






GRÉMENT
SOUTH AFRICA
innovative construction product assessments
Agrément South Africa evaluates the fitness-for-purpose of non-standardised construction products, materials and systems against performance-based criteria. Our range of approved innovative products and building systems includes, but are not limited to:
Walling and building systems
Road products
Sanitation systems
Plumbing systems
Access control doors
Bridge-deck joints
Ceiling systems
Concrete additives

ASA Strategic Planning Session Day 2

Day 2 of the strategic planning session provided an important opportunity to assess and prioritise risks that could affect the achievement of the organisation's outcomes, while also identifying opportunities and improvement plans. The risks and opportunities identified were incorporated into the Strategic Risk Register for the 2027/28 financial year and will be monitored throughout the year. Management committed to tracking and reporting on the implementation of risk mitigation plans.

In light of budget limitations and constraints, the session enabled the organisation to prioritise resources effectively. This ensured that planned targets and priorities were aligned with available funding and properly budgeted for in the 2027/28 financial year.

The discussions on Day 2 reinforced ASA's commitment to proactive risk management, resource optimisation, and strategic alignment positioning the organisation to deliver on its mandate with resilience and accountability.

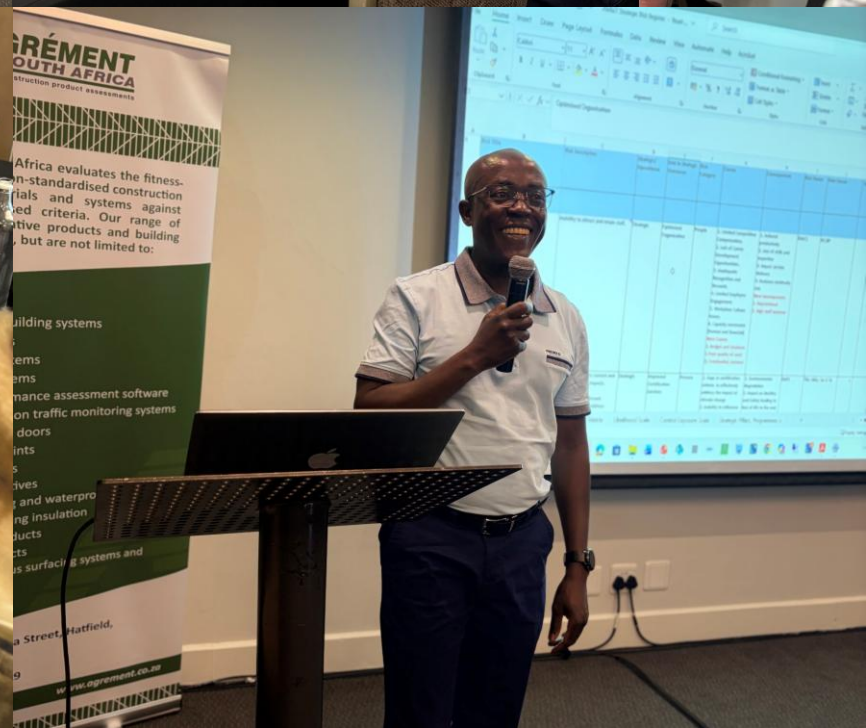

AGRÉMENT
SOUTH AFRICA


MULA








GRÉMENT
OUTH AFRICA

Industry & Stakeholder Technical Forum

ASA successfully hosted its Industry and Stakeholder Technical Forum at the TUT Main Campus under the theme:

"*Diffusing Certified Innovative Building Technologies for a Sustainable Built Environment."*

ASA extended its sincere appreciation to TUT, the main sponsor of the forum, for its invaluable support and commitment to advancing innovation, research, knowledge exchange, and transformation within South Africa's built environment.

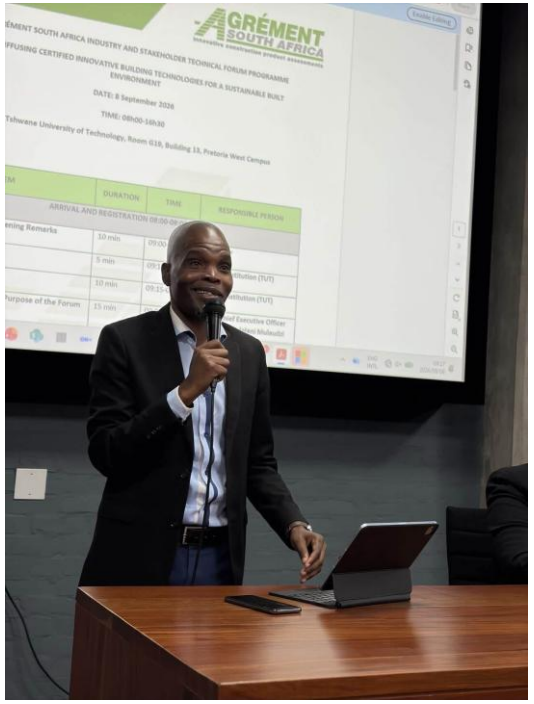
The forum brought together a dynamic network of industry partners, government institutions, research organisations, academia, regulators, professional bodies, and other key stakeholders.

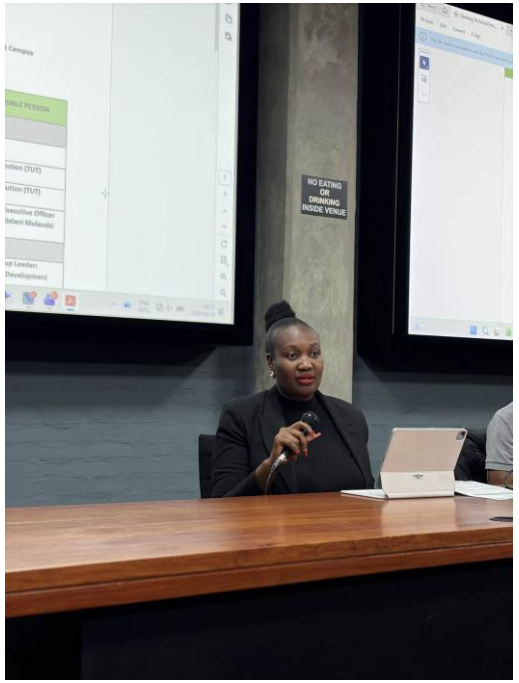
Engagements throughout the day underscored the importance of collaboration, certification, and knowledge-sharing in driving the diffusion of innovative building technologies. Discussions highlighted how these efforts contribute to shaping a built environment that is sustainable, resilient, and inclusive.




Agrément South Africa
Amendment Bill, 2026
Agrément South Africa
Amendment Bill, 2026


LEAD & GROW
2030


AGRÉMENT
SOUTH AFRICA


NO EATING
OR
DRINKING
INSIDE VENUE


NO EATIN
OR
DRINKIN
INSIDE VEN



ASA Certificate Holders' Workshop

ASA hosted its Certificate Holders' Workshop on 16 September 2026 under the theme *"Creating a Platform to Facilitate Engagement Between ASA Certificate Holders and the Public Sector."* The virtual workshop brought together ASA certificate holders and representatives from key public-sector institutions to strengthen collaboration and create greater opportunities for the implementation of innovative building technologies.

Facilitated by Mrs Langanani Mafolo, Specialist: Quality Assurance, the workshop was opened by ASA Chief Executive Officer Mr Richard Somanje, who provided the background and purpose of the engagement.

The workshop focused on practical issues affecting the implementation of certified innovative building technologies. Ms Mary Mabuse, ASA Technical Group Leader: Quality Assurance, presented on the requirements for quality assurance, licensees, and the project register for project implementation. This was followed by discussions with participants on the requirements and processes applicable to certificate holders.

ASA Certificate Holders' Workshop cont…

The programme then broadened to industry and government support mechanisms. Ms Tafadzwa Nyanzunda, Director: Forest-Based Industries at the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (dtic), presented on forestry-based industries, while Mr Ishmail Cassiem, Director: Construction Industry Performance at the Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB), provided an overview of support programmes available to contractors.

A key focus of the workshop was the practical application of innovative building technologies in public-sector projects. Mr Thabile Mtolo, Acting Deputy Director: Project Management Unit at the Eastern Cape Department of Human Settlements, shared case studies and information on upcoming projects involving innovative building technologies. This was complemented by Mr Thabang Molefi of the Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (DSTI), who discussed innovation instruments supporting service delivery from a sustainable human settlements perspective.

The Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) also contributed to the discussions, with Mr Nathi Mahlangu, Senior Architect and Project Manager: Infrastructure Delivery Division, providing a DBSA perspective on the implementation of innovative building technologies in infrastructure delivery.

The broader sector agenda was addressed by Mr Francois Hugo, Deputy Director-General and Acting Head: Research at the National Department of Human Settlements (NDHS), who presented on the Innovative Building Technologies (IBT) Summit outcomes, implementation plan, and sector implications.

The workshop further provided an opportunity to discuss the regulatory environment governing ASA. Ms Dominique Geszler, ASA Technical Group Leader: Research and Development, presented an update on the review of the Agrément South Africa Act 11 of 2015, including the Draft Amendment Bill v0.2

In closing, Mr Lindelani Mulaudzi, ASA Executive Manager: Technical Services, summarised the key takeaways, outlined ASA's commitments, and discussed the way forward. Ms Phumla Cele, ASA Executive Manager: Corporate Services, delivered the closing remarks.

Overall, the workshop provided a valuable platform for dialogue between ASA certificate holders and public-sector stakeholders. The engagement highlighted the importance of connecting technical certification, industry support, innovation, infrastructure delivery, and public-sector implementation to create greater opportunities for innovative building technologies in South Africa.

Staff Wellness & Heritage Day

Our team came together for the Staff Wellness Programme, a day dedicated to caring for the whole person body, mind, and finances. The event offered an opportunity to celebrate our diverse culture, as colleagues shared what makes them unique, representing Zulu, Xhosa, Venda, Bapedi, Tswana, Tsonga, Indian, and White heritage. This exchange underscored the strength we draw from our diversity. Life Health Solutions enriched the programme with topical talks, relaxing massages, chiropractic sessions, and health checks conducted by a qualified nurse, giving everyone the chance to reset and recharge. Liberty complemented these activities with financial education and value-added services, including wills and estate-planning support through Liberty Legacy, equipping our team with practical tools for building secure futures. We extended our gratitude to Liberty Life and Life Health Solutions for their contributions, which enabled us to take meaningful steps toward healthier, more financially secure lives. A healthy, informed, and empowered team remained the foundation of a thriving workplace, and this programme marked an important milestone in our ongoing commitment to investing in our people.




ONE STOP


Mind
MyMoney
Being Money Smart




AGRÉMENT
SOUTH AFRICA
innovative construction product assessments




AGRÉMENT
SOUTH AFRICA
innovative construction product assessments
WELLNESS DAY


LUMBAR VERTEBRAE DEGENERATION



Welcome To The Team



Rethabile Thekiso
Administration: Technical Officer

I am Rethabile Thekiso, born and raised in Mohlakeng, Randfontein, and the eldest of three sisters. I hold two qualifications from the University of Johannesburg: a Bachelor's Degree in Information Management and an Honours Degree in Information Management. I am currently pursuing my Master's Degree at the University of the Witwatersrand.

I work as an Administration Technical Officer at ASA. In this role, I provide administrative and technical support for ASA's certification processes. I coordinate with both the ASA team and our clients to ensure that non-standardised construction products, materials, and systems are certified.

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my loved ones, attending aerobics fitness classes, and embracing life to the fullest.

Welcome To The Team



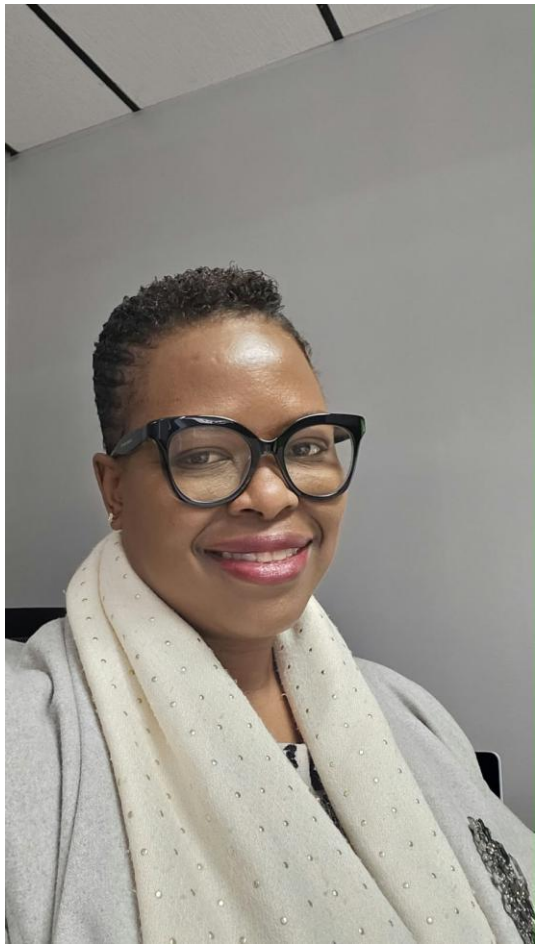
Khomotso Seloane
Intern: Finance

I am Khomotso Emmanuel Seloane, based in Nellmapius, a township near Mamelodi. I hold a Bachelor of Commerce in Accountancy from the University of Limpopo. Although I had no prior work experience before joining the finance team, I have been eager to learn, develop my skills, and contribute positively to the organisation.

I recently joined ASA as a Finance Intern, where I assist with day-to-day financial transactions, payments, reconciliations, and other finance-related duties. This opportunity has allowed me to gain valuable practical experience while applying the knowledge and skills I acquired during my studies.

Outside of work, I enjoy learning new things, watching soccer to stay motivated and balanced, and spending quality time with my family and friends.

Welcome To The Team



Phumla Cele
Executive Manager: Corporate Services

I am Phumla Cele, originally from Pinetown in KwaZulu-Natal, and I serve as the Executive Manager: Corporate Services at ASA. My academic journey began at St. Francis College, then to the University of KwaZulu-Natal, where I completed a Bachelor of Social Science (Honours) in Human Resource Management. I later broadened my expertise through the Municipal Finance Management Programme (MFMP) at the Wits School of Governance and through ODETDP training at the Assessment College. My career has taken me through the public sector, the municipal environment and consulting, and that experience shapes the way I lead today.

At ASA, I provide strategic leadership to the support functions that enable the organisation to fulfil its mandate. My portfolio spans Human Capital Management, Facilities and Occupational Health and Safety, ICT, and Communications and Marketing. My role is to ensure that ASA has a capable, skilled workforce, reliable systems, a safe working environment, effective administration, and clear communication that reaches the right audience. I also provide strategic leadership and oversight to ensure that our technology supports ASA's mandate.

Away from the office, I treasure quality time with my family and love exploring places where my children can have fun. I also enjoy reading and learning, which keep me growing both personally and professionally.

Procurement Intern Farewell



ASA would like to extend its good wishes to the procurement intern, Mlungisi Malembe. Although he was with ASA for a short time, his dedication and professionalism made a lasting impact.

His efforts in the procurement department, enriched the organisation and left a positive impression across departments.

As he moves forward, ASA expresses its gratitude and wishes him continued success in his career journey.

YOUR FEEDBACK & REVIEWS MATTER TO US!

We look forward to suggestions, comments, and feedback on all content in the ASA Newsletter.

We encourage you to email: agrement@agrement.co.za


Agrèment South Africa (@AgrementSA) / X


Agrement South Africa | Pretoria | Facebook


Agrément South Africa - YouTube


Agrèment South Africa (@agrementsa) • Instagram photos and videos


Agrement South Africa | LinkedIn



Agrement SA (@agrement_sa) | TikTok