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Newsletter of the Namibia Institute of Architects



The Namibia Institute of Architects took part in a Careers Expo that was held at the Windhoek Country Club from the 31st May – 01st June 2011. The decision to take part was made as the NIA realized that the population is not aware of architecture and the role of the architect. Scholars are also not aware that architecture is offered at the Polytechnic of Namibia.

Scholars from schools in Windhoek and surrounding area were invited to attend this event. They were very eager to find out about architecture and the built environment, yet it was surprising to see how many learners had no idea of architecture in this day and age.

The event was a great success; there were about 40 Exhibitors and more than 30 speakers from various industries and professions including NIA board members Kondjeni Nkandi and Una Ferreira who shared their experiences and valuable knowledge on career paths and choices with the learners.

The NIA thought it a great opportunity to advertise architecture to the future leaders of the country at this opportune event and would also like to thank Namib Flooring for their sponsorship.

The NIA would also like to encourage all practices to avail their staff so as to make future events an even greater success.

By: Una Stuurman - NIA Board member



**THE NEXT LECTURE IN THE
THE POLYTECHNIC DEPARTMENT
OF ARCHITECTURE / NIA
PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES**

By Prof. Dipl.-Ing. Sigurd Scheuermann
Faculty of Architecture
Building Design and Construction
Faculty of Civil Engineering
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Fh-Aachen University of applied Science, Germany

**TUESDAY 6-09-2011
17:30 FOR 18:00
NOTES ON ARCHITECTURAL
EDUCATION IN GERMANY-
A RELEVANT REFERENCE
FOR NAMIBIA?**

at the polytechnic of namibia
department of architecture,
cnr. haydn street / schubert street

FUTURE LECTURES :
4 OCTOBER
1 NOVEMBER

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The Engineering Professions Association of Namibia offers the following:

CONSTRUCTION ADJUDICATION COURSE:



Introduction

Adjudication is bringing dramatic changes to dispute resolution both internationally and in South Africa, and is rapidly becoming the preferred method for resolving construction disputes. In recent years, the use of adjudication has gained momentum, with developments including:

The JBCC, South Africa's domestic building contract introduced adjudication through its March 2004 edition;
The GCC Engineering Contract introduced adjudication in its 2004 edition;
The Construction Industry Development Board (CIDB) has endorsed adjudication as best practice for resolving construction disputes and has published rules for adjudication;
The New Engineering Contract and FIDIC have had adjudication procedures in place for some years, and some international jurisdictions have introduced legislation supporting adjudicating.

We have already seen a surge in the use of the adjudication process, yet few members of the construction industry understand the process or appreciate how it differs from conventional forms of dispute resolution.

Most members of the construction industry are unclear as to what adjudication is, how it is applied, and how it differs from other forms of dispute resolution. Lawyers and construction personnel alike do not fully understand this form of dispute resolution and there are few people who understand the process sufficiently well to act as adjudicators.

To assist potential users in preparing for adjudications, BCA offers a one day seminar which introduces the concept, shows how it differs from other forms of dispute resolution, and discusses the adjudication provisions in current standard forms of contract. In this seminar we will also take a step-by-step walk through the adjudication process, following the process from beginning to end.

New Material

All BCA training material has been updated and revised. Case studies will not be repeated from previous years and all manuals and slides have been updated. This seminar will provide useful information both for those who have had no exposure to adjudication, and for those who have had experience with the process.

Seminar Content

Some of the issues to be covered in this one day seminar are the following:

- What is adjudication?
- How does adjudication differ from arbitration, litigation, mediation.
- Adjudication as a creature of contract
- Adjudication as conceived under NEC, under FIDIC, under GCC and under JBCC
- The CIDB Rules for adjudication
- Who can act as adjudicator; Choosing the adjudicator
- Powers and authority of the adjudicator
- Paying the adjudicator
- The adjudicator's decision as immediately binding
- Appeal against the decision of the adjudicator
- Ad hoc vs standing adjudication
- Advantages and disadvantages of adjudication
- Step-by-step through the adjudication process.



Who should attend:

- ? Contractors and Subcontractors ? Engineers, architects, consultants ? Developers, Employers, Clients
- ? Lawyers and legal advisers ? Arbitrators, mediators ? Government officials involved in construction contracts

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Learning Objectives for Construction Adjudication:

This workshop gives a comprehensive understanding of both practical and theoretical aspects of adjudication.

In general, participants who have completed this course should:

- Understand how adjudication differs from other forms of dispute resolution;
- Understand how the standard contracts in use in SA deal with adjudication;
- Have a general understanding of how the adjudication process works and how they can use it to their advantage.

Participants should gain practical skills in:

- Choosing and appointing their adjudicator;
- Paying their adjudicator;
- Preparing a matter for adjudication;
- Following a matter through adjudication from first claim to final decision;
- Making adjudication work for them;
- Ensuring that the adjudication process remains cheap, quick and simple;
- Applying the adjudication clauses from any of the standard construction contracts;
- Knowing when to bring in legal or other assistance.



In addition, participants who have completed this course should:

- Know what to look for when reading the adjudication provisions in their contract;
- Understand why adjudication has become so popular;
- Understand the advantages and disadvantages of adjudication;
- Understand the CIDB's approach to adjudication
- Understand how the process works so that it may be used to their advantage;
- Be aware of recent developments in adjudication practice and law;
- Understand the difference between ad hoc and standing adjudicators and be able to choose the one most suited to their contract;
- Understand how the adjudicator will be paid and by whom;
- Understand what happens if the adjudicator gets it wrong.

Cost: N\$6,500.00 for EPA members
N\$7,000.00 for non-EPA members

Venue: Safari Hotel and Conference Centre
Dates: 19 & 20 October 2011
Times: from 07h30 to 17h00 on 19 October 2011
from 07h30 to 12h30 on 20 October 2011



Followed by the Alternative Dispute Seminar

Course presenter: Mr. Kevin Spence from Binnington Copeland and Associates

Confirm your attendance: epa@africaonline.com.na by 10 October 2011.
All courses payable in advance.



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02.09.2011	Samuel van Wyngaarden
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13.09.2011	Lukas Shahangwapo
14.09.2011	Evan Mackintosh
19.09.2011	Mario Shilongo
20.09.2011	Klaus Brandt
21.09.2011	Endri Steenkamp
24.09.2011	Stefano Campetti
24.09.2011	Beryl Boonzaaier

FUN DAY—11 NOVEMBER 2011

Teams of 4 players needed

The EPA invites you to a fun day:
Date: 11 November 2011
Time: 13h30
Venue: Indoor bowling range
SKW Sport Club, Windhoek
Confirm your attendance by
Email: epa@africaonline.com.na

Food catered for
CASH BAR

N\$100.00 per person—payable in advance

NOTICE OF NEW MEDICAL AID BENEFIT

We are extremely excited and take this opportunity to introduce to you a new medical aid group benefit which we have been working on some time.

Prosperity Health Namibia has established an umbrella group named: Namibia Professionals Association (NPA) under which the following Associations / Institutes can register their members and enjoy the group rate benefit:

Namibia Institute of Architects
GWATIN
Institute of Namibian Quantity Surveyors
Engineering Professions Association



Renaissance Health
Medical Aid Fund

In order to enjoy this new and exciting benefit of being a NIA member, please take note of the requirements set out by Prosperity Health for your application and registration and also note that you do require a letter from the NIA Administrator confirming your membership in which your category is registered. Also, please note that you have to apply for the group: NPA which will be controlled and administered by the NIA office in order to ensure correct rates and benefits.

Please request your brochure / contribution tables and application form from the NIA office – the NIA should fall under group rate 2 based on our membership category. Kindly note that Prosperity Health has also attached a group rate contribution table which clearly states what rates you would be paying monthly.

Should you wish to make use of this added benefit of being a NIA member, kindly contact the Office Administrator, Tanja @ nia@mweb.com.na. Please note we require your full names and identity numbers / dates of birth to complete the membership confirmation letter. For any further queries, you can also contact the group administrator, Duan Jansen at Prosperity Health at following details: tel: 061-299 9725 or duan.jansen@na.prosperityhealth.com and refer to NPA umbrella group for the NIA.

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