

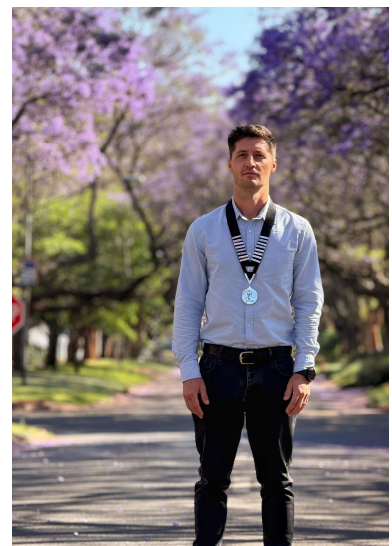
NEWSLETTER

Oct/Nov 2026

MEET OUR NEW PRESIDENT: Adriaan Louw

As Adriaan Louw takes the helm as President of the PIA, he brings with him a vision for a more inclusive, connected and vibrant architectural community - one that embraces its heritage while confidently shaping its future.

A key focus of Adriaan's presidency is engaging younger members and creating a stronger sense of belonging across generations. Through initiatives such as the new Youth WhatsApp Group and social events, he hopes to create opportunities for young professionals to share their experiences, voice their concerns and become more actively involved in the profession. He also sees an important role for universities, employers and experienced or retiring architects to connect, share knowledge and mentor the next generation. For Adriaan, age transformation is essential to ensuring that the PIA remains welcoming, relevant and representative of its diverse membership.



Looking ahead, the next two to four years will be about revisiting the fundamentals, defining our strategic direction and strengthening the PIA's role in the profession. This includes considering whether our name appropriately reflects the

geographical reach and diversity of our membership, engaging constructively with local authorities and government, and addressing important matters such as qualification standards and opportunities for architectural professionals. Adriaan encourages members to get involved, serve on committees and contribute their ideas. He believes that participation is a privilege - and that the future of our profession is something we must shape together.

At the heart of his vision is a desire to rekindle pride in architecture and the unique creativity, culture and value that it brings to society. He wants to see architects recognised and respected as the professionals they are, equipped to communicate their value, stand confidently behind their expertise and make a meaningful contribution to the built environment.

Above all, Adriaan envisions a PIA that brings people together
- young and old, established and emerging, from different backgrounds and areas of practice. A community that collaborates, evolves and sustains itself through shared purpose and active participation.

As we begin this new chapter under his leadership, we look forward to working alongside Adriaan to build a stronger, more inclusive and future-focused PIA.

Because architecture is a team sport - and our future is one we build together.



Designing Spatial Justice

Minister Thembi Simelane challenged architects to think beyond buildings and help reshape South African society. At SACAP's Education Conference, she emphasized that architecture must address spatial injustice—connecting homes, schools, transport, and economic opportunities into integrated settlements where dignity and access aren't determined by

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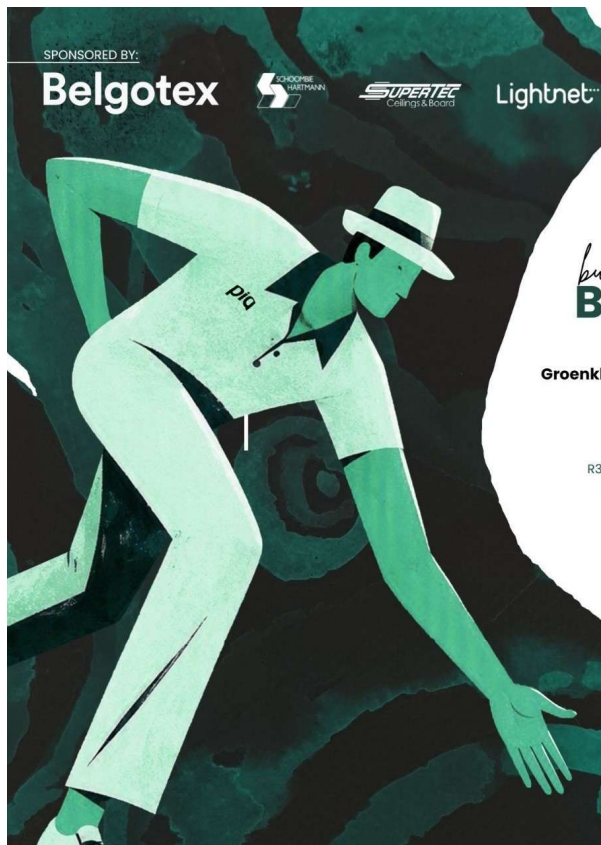
Procurement Victory

The Constitutional Court struck down the Public Procurement Act after Parliament failed to facilitate public participation. IRR Legal opposed the law throughout its development, noting it would have governed R1.2 trillion in annual spending while requiring race-based contract set-asides.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

October and November 2026

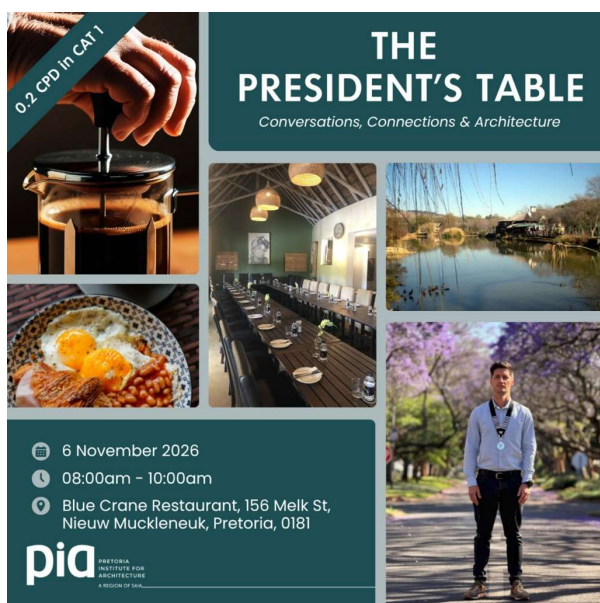


Bubbles and Bowls - 30 October (Last chance to book!)

A fun year-end morning in true PIA style. No bowls experience needed – teams of 4 will be assigned on the day. White and airy dress code. Space is limited.

30 October 2026, 08:30 for 09:00 – 12:00
**Groenkloof Bowls Club, 50 Totius Street,
Groenkloof, Pretoria**

[View Event](#)



President's Table - 6 November 2026

An open table for honest opinions and bold debate. Submit controversial topics anonymously on arrival for five-minute debates covering fee pressures, professional ethics, staff remuneration, institute services and the realities of architectural practice. Limited to 30 members. 6 November 2026, 08:00–10:00, Blue Crane Restaurant, Pretoria. 0.2 CPD Credits.

Thursday, 6 November 2026 at 08:00–10:00
**Blue Crane Restaurant, 156 Melk St, Nieuw
Muckleneuk, Pretoria, 0181**

[Book Now](#)



Detail Hour - 12 November 2026

Our final Detail Hour for 2026 takes an honest look at what happens behind polished project presentations. Join Nadine Engelbrecht and Leon van der Westhuizen as they share the real challenges, adaptations and lessons that don't make it into final submissions—especially valuable for younger architects and smaller practices.

12 November 2026, 12:00 – 13:00
Online

Join Us!



Scent of a Building - 20 November 2026

What if a building had a scent? Join us for an extraordinary morning where architecture meets fragrance, science, creativity and wellbeing. This PIA Ladies' Event explores the unexpected intersection of design and sensory experience in a unique gathering at Vantage, Corporate Park, Midrand.

Thursday, 20 November 2026 at 08:30 AM
Vantage, 170 Roan Crescent, Corporate Park, Midrand

Book Now Space is Limited

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



29 October 2026 it is time for our annual Planning Meeting for 2027.

We are excited to put together a program which satisfy the needs of our membership.

We welcome your input and ideas and look forward to hearing from our members what you would like us to include in our programme for 2027.

Please let us know by 27 October and we'll do our best to slot it in.

Send us a mail



ONLINE EVENTS

It has been a busy year. We have presented 36 CPD events and another 7 Social events this year already.

If you are still short of CPD points for this year and need to catch up, we have got you!

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CPD Submission Assistance 23 Nov - 4 Dec 2026

Need assistance with your CPD submissions to SACAP?


South African Council for the Architectural Profession

Make your appointment now for friendly and professional assistance.

Phone: 012 346 1051

→ Onéca O'Dwyer

Assistance with CPD Submissions to SACAP

Dear Members,
Need help getting your CPD up to date for 2026? The PIA is once again offering **one-on-one assistance with CPD queries and submissions** to our members.

Dates: 23 November – 4 December 2026
Appointments: 09:00–13:00 (one-hour sessions)
Booking deadline: 20 November 2026

Please phone Onéca at the PIA Office on **012 346 1051** to book your appointment. Please do not book via email, as availability must be confirmed.

Please bring along:

- Your CPD certificates in electronic format (e.g. on a flash drive).
- Your SACAP login details (username and password).

If you are missing any PIA-issued certificates from the past three years, please let us know before your appointment so we can try to locate them.

We look forward to assisting you! Please note that this service is **exclusively available to PIA members**

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*Membership Fees
are due End October*



Email Ishara Now

PIA Membership Fees – Payment Reminder

Dear Members,

As we approach the end of October, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who has already paid their membership fees for the 2026/2027 membership year. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

For those who have not yet settled their accounts, this is a friendly reminder that **membership fees are due by 31 October 2026**, unless prior payment arrangements have been made.

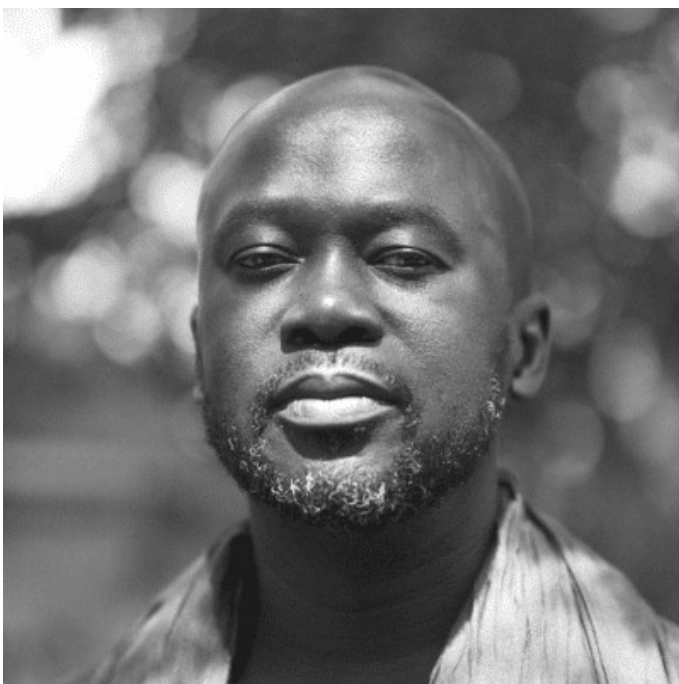
Your membership fees play a vital role in enabling the PIA to continue serving you and supporting our architectural community. From discounted and complimentary events to professional guidance and support through our WhatsApp groups, we strive to provide meaningful value and assistance to our members throughout the year.

Your support enables us to support you. By keeping your membership up to date, you help us maintain and grow the services, opportunities and professional connections that make our association stronger.

If you have not yet received your invoice, please contact Ishara, who will gladly assist you.

Thank you for being part of the PIA and for helping us continue to build a stronger, more connected architectural community.

Kind regards, **The PIA Team**



“ Buildings are deeply emotive structures which form our psyche. People think they're just things they maneuver through, but the makeup of a person is influenced by the nature of spaces. ”



DAVID ADJAYE

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