

ACEB

STAYING IN TOUCH WITH MEMBERS

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ACTIVITIES



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1. UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1.1 ACEB Annual Engineering Excellence Awards on Saturday 16th November 2024. **The Guest Speaker is the Managing Director of Okavango Diamond Company, Mr. Mmetla Masire.**
- 1.2 ACEB Directors Forum on Friday 6th December 2024

2. MEETINGS/ EVENTS ATTENDED

- 2.1 ACEB President and Immediate Past President attended the Business Botswana Engineering Sector AGM on 8th August 2024. This was an elective AGM where Eng. Gaonyatsege Kwakwa was once again elected Chairperson of the Sector.
- 2.2 ACEB President, Immediate Past President, and CEO attended a Tripartite meeting between ACEB, ERB, and BIE on 9th August 2024. The two items discussed at the meeting were as follows:
 - For ERB management to discuss with the Tripartite opportunities for collaboration in respect of ERB's monitoring mandate. BIE and ACEB undertook to go and consult their members on the matter.
 - For ERB management to give update on the Engineers Registration Act Amendment Bill. The draft Bill has since been shared with ACEB members for their comments which will be submitted to Engineers Registration Board (ERB). The intention according to ERB is that the draft Bill will be sent to Minister of Transport and Public Works on 6th September 2024, with the hope that it will make the November 2024 Cabinet sitting
- 2.3 ACEB CEO attended a Consultative Meeting on The Implementation of the Economic Inclusion Act of 2021, on 20th August 2024. The meeting was organised by Ministry of Entrepreneurship with Business Botswana.
 - It transpired at the meeting that what has been holding the implementation of the Act is that there are no Regulations.
 - Hence the Ministry has been having these meetings in an effort to solicit input for alignment and involvement of stakeholders in the formulation of the said Regulations.
 - One other thing that was mentioned is that the Economic Inclusion Act seeks to promote economic empowerment of Targeted Citizens.
 - Regarding definition of "Targeted Citizens", The Economic Empowerment Coordinator from Ministry of Entrepreneurship stated as follows:
 - No one will be forever targeted
 - Certain or specific sectors of the economy or group of citizens will be targeted at a particular time depending on prevailing circumstances. He gave examples such as Chema chema and Thuo letlotlo.
- 2.4 CEO attended a meeting between ACEB, ERB, BIE and SAFE0 on 22nd August 2024 to discuss issues surrounding the SAFE0 reporting structure and payment of subscriptions. The following were noted:
 - BIE Council will discuss the SAFE0 subscriptions and arrears, and will get back to the Tripartite with a proposal.
 - BIE will be the SAFE0 representative in Botswana. i.e. anything to do with SAFE0 in the country will be channelled through BIE.
 - The SAFE0 reporting structure to be finalised by BIE
- 2.5 ACEB **Hon Secretary Eng. Otshabeng Otshabeng** was a panellist at HEPSSA2425 Knowledge Exchange and Public Training Workshop on 10th September 2024, organised by University of Botswana, Civil Engineering Department.



The discussion was on **"Positioning Africa for Sustainable Futures: Reshaping Engineering and Built Environment Higher Education through Knowledge and Technological Innovations"**.

This project is part of the Royal Academy of Engineering's (RAE) Higher Education Partnerships in sub-Saharan Africa (HEP SSA) programme for 2024/25 which aims to ensure that the higher education system in sub-Saharan Africa produces engineers with the skills and knowledge required to meet the needs of industry and tackle local and global challenges.

- 2.6 Engineer Daisy James of NMA represented ACEB at a consultative workshop organised by PPRA to discuss price reasonableness for works contracts, held on 11th September 2024.

The purpose of the engagement was to discuss construction sector pricing, value for money procurement, transparency and fairness in determining reasonableness of financial bids in the procurement of works.

3. ACEB FUTURE LEADERS

Technical Site Visit (TSV) to Debswana Orapa Mine

ACEBFL successfully hosted a group of 29 ACEB FLs to a Debswana Orapa Mine Site Technical Visit. The group travelled well to Orapa and back to Gaborone. All the 29 slots were sold out in three (3) different packages in which our third package accommodated Future Leaders who are working and residing outside Gaborone.

The 29 ACEB FLs were made up as follows:

Name of Firm	ACEB FLs sponsored for the trip
Herbco Technical Services	2
Geoflux	2
CPP Botswana	11
Bothakga Burrow Botswana	7
William Lee Associates	2
Bergstan	3
A. R. Edwards & Associates	2
Total	29

Trip Itinerary was as follows:

- Travel on the 29th August to Letlhakane
- Site Tour of Debswana Mine on the 30th August 2024
- Travel to Khama Rhino Sanctuary Trust after Site Tour
- Game Drive Excursion at Khama Rhino Sanctuary Trust on the morning of 31st August.
- Travel back to Gaborone after Lunch.

The trip went accordingly as per the planned Itinerary. The Adrian Gale Diamond Museum, The Open Pit Mine, The Debswana Operations Command Centre and Ore Processing Plant were visited at Debswana Orapa Mine. ACEB FLs were encouraged to write post trip reports to present the knowledge they acquired from the trip and relay their appreciation to the respective employers who sponsored their trips.



4. ACEB Training – Course Schedule 2024

4.1 Public Courses

MONTH	DATE	COURSE	MODE OF STUDY
APRIL	8th -9th	Module 2 - FIDIC Claims & Disputes Course based on FIDIC Red and Yellow books	Done
JUNE	10th – 11th	Managing Projects with Microsoft Project	Done
	18th & 20th	Pressure Pipeline and Pump Station Design & Specification – a Practical Overview	Postponed
	25th	Integrity Management Workshop	Not enough participants
JULY	9th – 10th	Module 3 - FIDIC Dispute Adjudication Board (DAB) and Dispute Avoidance and Adjudication Board (DAAB) based on FIDIC Red, Yellow and FIDIC Contracts Guide books	Done
	23rd & 25th	Pressure Pipeline and Pump Station Design & Specification – a Practical Overview	Not enough participants
	30th- 31st	Mastering Engineering and Construction Contracts – Contract Comparison	Not enough participants
AUGUST	1st – 2nd	JBCC	No participants
SEPTEMBER	11th – 12th	Construction Claims Practical Approach	No participants
	24th – 25th	NEC	No participants
OCTOBER	7th – 8th	FIDIC Module 1 Advanced: Practical Use of the FIDIC Conditions of Contracts	Done
	9th – 10th	Module 4 - FIDIC Contract Management and Administration Course based on FIDIC Red, Yellow and Silver books	Done
	11th	Module 0 - FIDIC Suite of Service Agreements Course White Book	Done
	14th – 15th	Managing Projects Risk	No participants
NOVEMBER	19th – 20th	FIDIC Short Form of Contract Course (Green Book)	Online

4.2. In-Person Training

Debswana (Jwaneng)

FIDIC Contracts training for 25 Debswana Executives took place on 16th – 20th September 2024, for Module 1, Module 4, and Module 0. The training was facilitated by Robert Werth from Germany. It was very well received by all.

Debswana Head Office

Talks are ongoing with Debswana Head Office regarding bespoke FIDIC Contracts training for their employees.



Robert Werth, FIDIC Trainer from Germany (right). On the left is one of Debswana managers (Ms.Oratile Entaile) who attended the course in Jwaneng. Through the encouragement of Robert Werth, she applied and wrote the examinations for FIDIC CERTIFIED CONTRACTS MANAGER, and she has passed!