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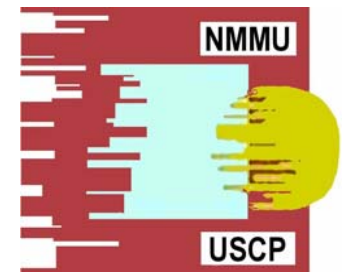


**'People in  
Construction'  
Conference**

Port Elizabeth  
South Africa

12-14 July 2009

***First  
Announcement &  
Call for papers***



## Objectives

The *TG59 People in Construction* conference provides an international forum for researchers and practitioners from developed, developing and underdeveloped nations to address fundamental problems and constraints that affect people in construction. The broad objectives of the conference are:

- To provide a forum for multi-disciplinary interaction between academics and practitioners;
- To provide an internationally recognised, accredited conference;
- To disseminate innovative and cutting edge practices, and
- To contribute to the people in construction body of knowledge.

The organizers aim to bring together researchers, academics, administrators and practitioners representing educational institutions, government agencies, contracting organizations, consulting enterprises, financial institutions, and other construction related organizations from all over the world.

### **Conference theme**

The conference has a broad scope and topics are organized around the conference theme of *People in Construction*.

## Main topics

- Career promotion
- Diversity
- Education and training
- Employment and poverty reduction
- Employment relationships
- Ergonomics
- Gender
- Health and well being
- Human resources management
- Human rights issues
- Industrial relations
- Integration of people and technology
- Labour market
- Multi-cultural issues
- Multi-lingual issues
- Older workers / Age-related issues
- People with disabilities
- Procurement
- Respect for people
- Role of labour in the construction process
- Skills development and transfer
- Worker engagement and empowerment
- Working hours
- Work organisation

## Conference outcomes

Responses are sought to the following critical questions:

- What changes would lead to improvements?
- How can informal technology contribute to improvement?
- What are the barriers to change?
- What economic levers can be used?
- How can informal construction sector and SMME problems be addressed?
- How can education, training, and professional development be improved?
- How can skills better be developed and transferred?
- How can communication and management difficulties be addressed?
- How can safety and health risks be better recognized, understood and avoided?
- How can diversity and inclusivity be promoted?
- How can the regulatory environment be more effective?

## Abstracts and Papers

Authors are invited to submit abstracts in English of not more than 150 words for peer review by the scientific and technical committee by not later than 28 November 2008. To produce a structured abstract, please complete the following fields relative to the paper. There are four fields which are obligatory (Purpose, Design, Findings and Value); the other two (Research limitations / implications and Practical implications) may be omitted if they are not applicable to the paper. Each abstract should indicate the topic of the conference the proposed paper will address, and give the name and full contact details of the author to be contacted concerning the paper. Abstracts will be reviewed according to: the relevance to the topics and objectives of the conference; originality of subject matter; likely academic rigour of the proposed paper; and likely contribution to knowledge, or practical relevance, of the proposed paper. Note that only papers that are based on actual research that include empirical findings will be accepted upon proof of registration.

## Deadlines

The conference deadlines are as follows:

- Abstract (150 words maximum):  
**28 November 2008**
- Notification of acceptance:  
**16 January 2009**
- Submission of completed paper:  
**27 March 2009**
- Notification of acceptance:  
**30 April 2009**
- Submission of final paper:  
**29 May 2009**

## Submissions

Submit abstracts to:

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## Venues:

Boardwalk Casino and Conference Centre, Port Elizabeth, South Africa

## Conference fees:

CIB Members	R 3 500.00 + 14% VAT
Non-CIB Members	R 4 000.00 + 14% VAT
Student(Full-time),	R 2 500.00 + 14% VAT
Accompanying persons	R 2 000.00 + 14% VAT

