



3rd ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION AND INFRASTRUCTURE SUMMIT

CONSTRUCTING SOUTH AFRICA'S GROWTH: INNOVATION, INFRASTRUCTURE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH

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The 3rd Annual Construction & Infrastructure Summit & Expo, hosted by Imbizo Events & Exhibitions on 7 May 2026 in East London, brought together government leaders, infrastructure agencies, engineers, financiers, municipalities, entrepreneurs and development stakeholders for a day focused on one thing: building infrastructure conversations that lead to real economic movement.

Held under the theme Constructing South Africa's Growth: Innovation, Infrastructure & Inclusive Growth, the summit positioned itself not simply as another industry gathering, but as a platform where collaboration, access and opportunity intersect.

Throughout the programme, discussions moved beyond high-level policy and focused on the practical realities shaping infrastructure delivery in South Africa — from financing and implementation to maintenance, enterprise development and supplier inclusion. More importantly, the summit created space for people in the room to connect directly with opportunities, institutions and decision-makers.

A key feature of the event was the Exhibition Spotlight platform, introduced as part of the summit's ongoing commitment to supporting SMMEs and emerging businesses within the infrastructure and construction ecosystem. Exhibitors were given the opportunity to formally introduce their businesses, services and capabilities to delegates attending the summit. The platform was further extended to delegates themselves, allowing professionals, entrepreneurs and stakeholders in the room to introduce who they are, what they do and where collaboration opportunities exist.

This networking-driven approach reflects the core purpose behind the summit: bridging the gap between people and opportunities.

In an environment where many businesses struggle to access industry networks, procurement channels and strategic partnerships, the summit intentionally created a room designed for visibility, connection and participation. The event recognised that infrastructure development is not only about projects and policy, but also about ensuring that businesses, professionals and communities are included in the economic value chain.

The summit was strengthened through the support of strategic partners and stakeholders committed to advancing infrastructure development and enterprise growth in South Africa. Corporate partners included SANRAL, CIDB, SEDFA and SAICE, whose participation contributed to the depth of engagement and industry relevance of the programme.

The summit also acknowledged Mpumakapa TV as the official media partner, supporting the amplification of conversations emerging from the event and extending the summit's reach beyond the venue itself. As South Africa continues to navigate infrastructure challenges alongside economic recovery and growth ambitions, the summit reinforced the importance of collaborative spaces that bring together public and private sector leadership, technical expertise, enterprise development and innovation under one roof.

The 3rd Annual Construction & Infrastructure Summit & Expo demonstrated that meaningful infrastructure conversations are not only about what gets built, but also about who gets included in the process of building it.

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