

Improving the property development environment since 2008

Who we are:

The Western Cape Property Development Forum (WCPDF) is a registered non-profit organisation (246-760 NPO). It was founded in 2008 to create awareness, address the challenges that face the property development industry and to be the collective voice of the industry in the Western Cape. We focus on the full production line of private and public property projects and associated infrastructure provision.

The WCPDF actively engages and lobbies politicians and government representatives and provides detailed input and feedback on draft legislation and policy to make the public sector aware of the ramifications that decision-making processes and service delivery have on property development and construction and, in turn, the economy and most importantly jobs.

While the industry is also impacted by national legislation, the most critical development issues tend to occur at ground level, and therefore our emphasis is regional. Property is produced at municipal level.

Strategic associations:

Representing the full spectrum of the property development and construction sectors, we strive to create an enabling environment for investment. To this end, the WCPDF continually canvases membership from the broadest spectrum of individual property role players and representative bodies, and we therefore pride ourselves on our association with various professional bodies, all of whom are represented on the WCPDF's Management Committee as follows:

- Association of Construction Project Managers (ACPM)
- Association of South African Quantity Surveyors (ASAQS)
- Cape Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- Cape Institute for Architecture (ClfA)
- Consulting Engineers South Africa (CESA)
- Green Building Council of South Africa (GBCSA)
- Master Builders' Association Western Cape (MBAWC)
- South African Association of Consulting Professional Planners (SAACPP)
- South African Council for the Project and Construction Management Professions (SACPCMP)
- South African Forum of Civil Engineering Contractors (SAFCEC)
- South African Institute of Black Property Practitioners (SAIBPP)
- South African Institute of Civil Engineering (SAICE)
- South African Property Owners Association (SAPOA)
- South African Planning Institute (SAPI)
- Urban Design Institute of South Africa (UDISA)
- Youth in Property Association (YIPA)

Wesgro, the official tourism, trade and investment promotion agency for Cape Town and the Western Cape, is also represented on the Management Committee to act as a strategic liaison between our members and both local and regional government.

The WCPDF also has an ongoing research relationship with the University of Cape Town's Urban Real Estate Research Unit (URERU). In addition, our association with the Youth in Property Association (YIPA) and the UCT 100-UP programme enables the WCPDF to drive transformation and expose Grade 11 and 12 learners to consider a career in one of the various sectors in our industry. The Forum has been hosting biannual intern programmes since October 2017, the medium-term goal of which is to establish a bursary scheme for the industry.

Industry workgroups:

Our industry workgroups are managed on a volunteer basis by members of our Management Committee. These members actively engage with high-ranking officials at municipal and regional government level to create awareness and collectively address the challenges that impede the industry, as well as explore opportunities that encourage economic growth and job creation.

It is important to note that our focus is to be the collective voice of the industry in the Western Cape and we therefore address challenges and opportunities on that basis, rather than on an individual one. Once we pick up a common trend among the industry, we will take collective action.

Our workgroups are currently engaged with the following:

- Development contributions and bulk infrastructural capacity
- Development finance
- District plan engagement
- Engineering guidelines and standards
- Environmental and heritage management
- Inclusionary housing
- Planning legislative status
- Procurement
- Self-certification
- Transportation crisis
- Western Cape Government's Economic War Room in respect of the Fixed Capital and Property Development sector's incorporation

Our focus:

- To be a representative body for the property development industry in the Western Cape that is recognised by relevant authorities, particularly in terms of the vital role that the industry plays to the province's economy through investment and job creation.
- To promote the interests of the property development industry.
- To interpret and facilitate understanding between the authorities and the property development industry.
- To inform our membership of changes in legislation and policies.
- To co-operate with the various property-related professions in making the greater Western Cape sensitive to the need for property development.
- To actively engage in the education and transformation of the industry.

Membership benefits include:

- First-hand and ongoing exchange of information with our members on important private and public sector developments within the industry as they occur. This includes invitations to various WCPDF, local government and Province-led workshops, presentations and events on topical issues, as well as up-to-date information on the latest legislative changes pertaining to development in the Western Cape.
- Discounts of R1 000 per delegate for paid-up members at the WCPDF's annual two-day conference.
- Networking with key property development role players within both the private and public sectors.
- Access to and input on industry submissions on critical issues impacting property development and, in turn, being constantly kept in the loop on the outcomes of negotiations with government on critical issues relating to streamlining the development process.
- Access to a range of industry-related information on a members-only page of our website.

Fee structure:

Our fee structure is based on the size of the member's company and is payable annually upon registration or renewal as follows:

Number of employees	Annual subscription*
Individual	R 1 350
2 – 10	R 2 000
11 – 20	R 3 000
21 – 50	R 4 000
51 – 150	R 6 000
151+	R 10 000

*The WCPDF is not VAT registered.