



**Nelson Mandela  
Metropolitan  
University**

*f o r t o m o r r o w*

**FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND  
CALL FOR PAPERS**

**FOURTH  
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT  
CONFERENCE**

**PORT ELIZABETH  
SOUTH AFRICA**

**29 NOV. – 1 DEC. 2015**

### *Objectives*

The *Fourth Construction Management* conference provides an international forum for researchers and practitioners from developed, developing and underdeveloped nations to address fundamental construction management and construction project management issues. The broad objectives of the conference are to:

- Provide a forum for multi-disciplinary interaction between academics and practitioners;
- Provide an internationally recognised, accredited conference;
- Disseminate innovative and cutting edge practices, and
- Contribute to the construction management and construction project management bodies of knowledge.

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

### *Conference theme*

Given that the Department of Construction Management, NMMU, focuses on the education of construction managers and construction project managers, and specialises in construction health and safety, the conference will address the practice of these three disciplines.

### *Main topics*

Career promotion  
Continuing professional development  
Construction economics  
Construction resources e.g. labour  
Diversity  
Education and training  
Ethics  
Functions in an organisation e.g. marketing  
Functions of management work e.g. planning  
Gender  
Multi-cultural issues  
Professional association and registration  
Project management knowledge areas  
Project management processes  
Project parameters e.g. health and safety  
Skills development and transfer

### *Conference outcomes*

Relative to construction management and construction project management, responses are sought to the following critical questions:

- What changes would lead to an improvement in performance?
- How can information technology contribute to improved performance?
- What are the barriers to change?
- How can construction management be promoted in the informal construction sector and among SMMEs?
- 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 risk be better recognised, understood and avoided?
- How can corruption be mitigated?
- How can ethical behaviour be promoted?
- How can diversity and inclusivity be promoted?
- How can the regulatory environment be more effective?
- How can professional association and registration be promoted?

### *Abstracts and Papers*

Authors are invited to submit abstracts in English of not more than 200 words for peer review by the scientific and technical committee by not later than 31 March 2015. To produce a structured abstract, please complete the following fields relative to the paper. There are six fields which are obligatory: purpose; design; findings; value; research limitations / implications, and practical implications. 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 (200 words maximum): 31 March 2015
- Notification of acceptance: 30 April 2015
- Submission of completed paper: 30 June 2015
- Notification of acceptance: 31 August 2015
- Submission of final paper: 30 September 2015

### ***Submissions***

<https://cmt.research.microsoft.com/NMMUCM2015/>

### ***Scientific and Technical Committee***

Dr N Chileshe, University of South Australia, Australia  
Prof D Edwards, Birmingham City University, UK  
Prof A Gibb, Loughborough University, UK  
Dr R Milford, Construction Industry Development Board, RSA  
Dr S Mohamed, Griffiths University, Australia  
Prof A Ngowi, Central University of Technology, Free State, South Africa  
Prof G Ofori, National University of Singapore, Singapore  
Prof PD Rwelamila, University of South Africa, RSA  
Prof W Shakantu, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, RSA  
Prof JJ Smallwood, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, RSA  
Prof A Talukhaba, Tshwane University of Technology, RSA  
Prof D Thwala, University of Johannesburg, RSA  
Prof J Ayarwa, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana  
Dr A Windapo, University of Cape Town, RSA  
Dr JA Fapohunda, Cape Peninsula University of Technology, RSA

### ***Organisers / Contact persons – South Africa***

- Academic Programme Chair:  
Dr Fidelis Emuze  
femuze@cut.ac.za
- Technical Programme Chair:  
Prof John Smallwood  
John.Smallwood@nmmu.ac.za

### ***Conference web site***

4thcm.nmmu.ac.za

### ***Accommodation***

To be confirmed

### ***Venue:***

Marine Hotel, Port Elizabeth, South Africa

### ***Conference fees (excludes accommodation):***

CIB / CIOB Member / CM Alumnus / SACPCMP registered person	R 4 000.00 + 14% VAT
Non-ditto	R 4 500.00 + 14% VAT
Students (Full-time)	R 2 750.00 + 14% VAT
Accompanying persons	R 2 250.00 + 14% VAT