



# KZN Construction Expo builds capacity for contractors and other built environment professionals

DURBAN, KWAZULU-NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA, February 16, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Great strides were taken towards capacity building in KwaZulu-Natal's [construction](#) sector last week when Durban hosted the 2nd annual [KZN Construction](#) Expo.

The event welcomed over 2 000 [built environment](#) professionals who were there to network with over 60 exhibiting brands and 27 industry experts presenting training workshops and interactive demonstrations.

Not only did this convergence of thousands of qualified industry professionals open up new opportunities for communication and collaboration amidst public and private sector, but it also served to identify key areas requiring renewed focus in 2018 and beyond.

Boosting local infrastructure development and service delivery, the emergence of catalytic projects, the development of skilled labour for the construction sector and the empowerment of underprivileged contractors were identified as current focal points vital to unlocking the province's development potential.

Diverse professionals such as contractors, architects, quantity surveyors, government officials and more engaged in collaborative discussion during the interactive workshops and forums held during the event.

- The KZN Stakeholder Engagement Forum welcomed participation from eThekweni Municipality and KwaZulu-Natal's Department of Public Works
- The Architectural Essentials Corner offered CPD accredited learning for all architectural professionals, hosted by the South African Institute of Building Design
- The Contractors Corner provided technology transfer and hands-on-technical training for small and medium sized contractors
- The Knowledge Lounge addressed critical issues such as SMME development and how construction professionals can access government programmes
- The Outdoor exhibition area featured several interactive product demonstrations

Over the course of two days, new commercial partnerships were forged and new partners in development were identified. Tara Morck, Account Manager at Spider Mini-Cranes, one of the sponsors of the event, said, "We were really blown away by the volume and interest shown at the expo. The exposure our cranes received made it definitely worth our while exhibiting at the show and we look forward to next year's show! We have received a lot of good leads that we are working on at the moment that range from your small companies / private sector to major construction / corporate clients as well as municipality & government departments."

The great strides taken towards construction capacity building last week, coupled with the recent

acquisition of KZN Construction Expo by dmg events Middle East, Asia & Africa, promise to yield exponential benefits for the province over time.

The 2019 edition of the event, destined for Durban in February 2019, will leverage the international reach and existing sector expertise of dmg events Middle East, Asia & Africa to build up the knowledge sharing, networking and business matching opportunities that have set dmg events' existing brands apart.

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