



GAMA

Group of African Member Associations of FIDIC



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CONFERENCE 2009

A date for your diary....



DATE: 15 – 18 MARCH 2009



**Venue: Southern Sun
Elangeni Hotel,
Durban,
South Africa**

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The Gama 2009 conference will be held from Sunday the 15th to the Wednesday 18th March 2009 at the Elangeni hotel in Durban. The theme of the conference is:

“Millennium Development Goals, are the Consulting Engineers Ready?”

The conference will focus on the fact that while Africa is the richest continent in terms of resources, it still encompasses most of the poorest peoples in the world. Consulting engineers were challenged at FIDIC 2008 to work closer with society in solving people's problems and to ensure that engineering solutions were appropriate and sustainable. African engineers have also come to the realisation that technologies and systems need to be carefully adapted to suite local circumstances. This conference will focus on addressing some of these issues and ensuring that delegates leave with a wealth of new ideas to implement locally in an appropriate and sustainable manner.

The format of the conference will be a one and half day plenary session followed by the GAMA AGM on Tuesday afternoon with specific business orientated courses and workshops on the Wednesday.

Optional post conference site visits to several of the exiting new projects being developed for the FIFA world cup in 2010 are being arranged for the Thursday and Friday.

Programme

Day 1: Sunday 15th March 2009: Registration and Welcome Cocktails

Day 2: Monday 16th March 2009: Opening Ceremony and Presentations followed by a local colour event in the evening

Day 3: Tuesday 17th March: Plenary presentations in the morning followed by the AGM in the afternoon and the gala dinner in the evening.

Day 4: Wednesday 18th March: Courses and Workshops

All those wishing to make presentations for the conference must please prepare a short synopsis of ½ page and submit by email to the secretariat at roelofvt@cesa.co.za by 31st January 2009. The secretariat will inform potential speakers of acceptance of their proposals by mid January 2009. Speakers must submit a draft of their MS Powerpoint presentations to the secretariat by end February 2009 for final acceptance of their presentations.

Remember to reserve this date in your diary and prepare to attend this essential event in consulting engineering in Africa