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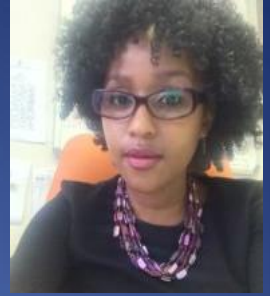
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"It's March and I'm still fat", an Instagram post and a fitting metaphor of the state of the country at the moment. We may feel like we are working on change, but like our bodies, we are not seeing it.

It is the third month of 2015 and at this time our gyms have started to filter out, we've found our stride, but have lost momentum and we are just about ready to dive into our next vacation. So much has happened already: the state of the nation has come and gone, the incumbent finance minister's (Nhlanhla Nene's) maiden budget speech has hit us in the face with a reminder of less cash in our pockets through an increase in fuel and taxes.



We have borne witness to the looting of shops of foreign nationals, the Curro debacle that set off a major racial conversation in the country highlighting that after 21 years of democracy we still have a problem in South Africa and of course we have followed the devastating fires that have raged through Cape Town. So we understand that through all of this, it can be hard to maintain the spring in our step that we entered the year with. The branch started the year off with a bang with our annual meet and greet. This year was even more exciting as the hosts of the Meet and Greet are also one of our new sponsors, Sanlam. A good time was had by all who attended. It's our responsibility as human beings and citizens of this country to re-evaluate our goals regularly, better them and create new ones. Someone once said that if your dreams don't scare you, they're not big enough. It is definitely something worth thinking about. We are reaching a stage where shimmers of leadership are finally emerging, but not at the same rate as we are losing great leadership. Watching Selma left me sad that we are no longer seeing the type of leadership innate of Martin Luther King Jnr., great scientists such as Albert Einstein, determined and passionate lab technicians such as Vivien Thomas, revolutionaries such as Steve Biko and Thomas Sankara; great writers such as Nadine Gordimer, Andre Brink and Maya Angelou. These people were (as the Apple ad goes), 'the crazy ones, the misfits the rebels' and they changed things. Who will we be left with? What are we changing (besides of course the landscape of civil and social morality or lack thereof)?

This year we are looking at growing the committee. We are looking for new fresh faces and new ideas to revive the YPF and to find new ways to fulfil our mandate, which is: To retain young professionals in the industry, to promote the profession among tertiary students, to encourage high school learners to take up a career in engineering as well as to create a profession that is respected, dignified and worthy of the fees it should be charging. Doctors save lives and understand their worth so they do not give discounts, Accountants know what it means if the books aren't accurately balanced, lawyers know the kind of bind you are in when you approach them so they truly get their worth.

Yet, engineers who build the roads that these people drive on, who treat the water that gets to their taps and keeps them alive, who design and construct the fancy buildings that these very people work in, are willing to give discounts. Therein lies something deeply warped. There isn't enough regulation surrounding who may and may not enter the industry. Unqualified people own construction companies, labourers are grossly underpaid, people cut corners for a side buck and all of these have led to the degradation of our profession.

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Now we have a choice, we can continue to be apathetic towards the fact that something has to change or we can use the platforms afforded to us to make a difference and there are plenty of these. Be it through avenues such as Engineers Without Borders, SAICE's YMP or the CESA YPF, it is our responsibility to ensure that our profession is sustainable. So this year I urge you to take up a role in the committee, contribute to articles, attend events, take part in our upcoming debate, comment on surveys and proposed changes to the registration system; just make sure you make your mark. Here's hoping that you put some energy back into your resolutions, find the drive that pushes you to make a difference and have a prosperous remainder of 2015.

- **Keamogetswe Mmekwa**

EVENTS:

MEET AND GREET AT ALLAN GRAY SPONSORED BY SANLAM



In true CESA YPF South Gauteng fashion, it was an excellent start to the new year. The annual Meet and Greet networking session sponsored by Sanlam (our new sponsors on the block) was held at the Rosebank Allan Gray Offices.

Around 50 young professionals (YP's) were in attendance and it was only appropriate that Keamogetswe Mmekwa, the branch chairperson welcome and thank everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to attend the event and to our Sponsors for hosting the event. The Chairperson also took this opportunity to remind YP's that as the new year begins, they should become more proactive and use whatever platforms available to them to make a difference and to highlight to YP's that "If you do not use the platforms available to you to bring about change then you do not have the right to complain." Mr Michael Atti from the Sanlam Innov8 Blue Star team gave a light-hearted talk about what Sanlam Innov8 is about and how YP's can benefit from the various services offered by them. Mr Atti also went on to explain that the Innov8 team uses your "ability to maximize your income through your skills" and thus have various policies designed for individuals to grow whatever facet you are interested in as anything can happen at anytime.

Mr Atti reminded all YP's that we should consider ourselves "blessed and remember that whatever happens to you, someone is far worse off than you."

To close off the evening, one lucky attendee got the opportunity to win a prize and the winner of the lucky draw was Fulufhelo Radzilani from Randwater.

~By Erick Mulaudzi (UWP Consulting & YPF) & Yankho Banda (MPA Consulting Engineers & YPF)



**CESA YPF South Gauteng
Chairperson:**
Keamogetswe Mmekwa



**Sanlam Innov8 team
leader:**
Michael Atti

MEET AND GREET AT ALLAN GRAY SPONSORED BY SANLAM CONT.:



The Sanlam Innov8 team



Winner of the lucky draw: Fulufhelo Radzilani from Randwater with Mr Michael Atti from Innov8



YP's mingling with the Innov8 team.

March						
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MARCH

20 March: CESA Presidential Visit (Breakfast)

21 March: Humans Rights Day

26 March: The Great Debate

April						
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APRIL

3 April: Good Friday

6 April: Family Day

9 April: Site Visit

27 April: Freedom Day

May						
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MAY

1 May: Worker's Day

14 May: Quizz Night

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Last Years' participants and judges



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