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# CESA YOUNG PROFESSIONALS FORUM

## NEWSLETTER - HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2024



**Uzair Osman, CESA YPF Chairperson**

### Message from the CESA YPF National Chairperson

*"It always seems impossible until it's done."* ~  
Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela (Madiba)

The YPF has made large strides in 2024, addressing most of our set goals. At the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual YP Imbizo, I presented an update on the chairperson's term objectives, and I urge all committee members to actively participate in these initiatives. This remains an ongoing process, and we welcome more individuals to join our efforts.

I encourage everyone to attend CESA events whenever possible. This past year, we have had several meaningful engagements with YPs across member firms. We welcome new voices and fresh perspectives. We hope CESA YPF offers you the same opportunities for growth and development that it has given me. [Read More](#)

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## Navigating the future of engineering at the 2024 YP Imbizo



As young engineers navigate the challenges of the future, it is crucial that they are equipped with the necessary skills, knowledge, and ethical principles to drive sustainable change. This was the overarching theme of the 12th CESA Young Professionals (YPF) Sustainability Imbizo held in Midrand last year.

Our YPF National Chair, Uzair Osman, added that the Imbizo played a vital role in preparing the next generation of engineers for the challenges ahead. “Most of our delegates learned concepts that they knew of but did not necessarily know how to implement in their daily activities and careers. The Imbizo also allowed them to connect and learn from each other,” he noted. [Read More](#)

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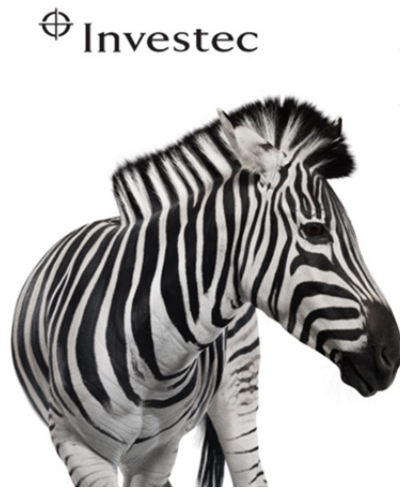


## FIDIC Africa Conference 2024 – Dar Es Salaam

The FIDIC Africa Infrastructure Conference 2024 took place from 26 - 28 May 2024, in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, attracting 600 attendees from 23 countries across Africa and beyond. The Future Leaders' Conference was a dedicated one-day conference for the young professionals. Uzair Osman participated in a panel discussion on solutions to Africa's access to technology.

The main conference commenced on 27 May 2024, with Dr Philip Isdor Mpango, Vice president of Tanzania, delivering the opening address. Keynote speaker Professor Patrick Loch Lumamba captivated the audience, urging them to take Africa's situation seriously. [Read More](#)





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## FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference 2024 – Geneva



Our chairperson, Uzair Osman, attended the FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference 2024, held in Geneva, Switzerland. Before the main event Osman participated in the Future Leaders' Conference, a session for emerging industry leaders. Congratulations to Omaira Jajbhay and Osman, whose papers were published in the Future leaders' Conference Journal. It can be accessed here: [FL Journal](#)

The Main conference, which was held from the 9-10 September 2024, bringing together 600 representatives from 50 countries. The event provided valuable networking opportunities, connecting engineers, clients, and legal professionals in the industry. Discussions covered AI-driven problem-solving, sustainability, and people-focused engineering. Experiencing Geneva's transport system firsthand was also insightful. [Read More](#)



## CESA Indaba 2024 – Cape Town



The CESA Infrastructure Indaba 2024 took place on 19 - 20 March 2024 at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC). With the theme “Engineering the Future Now”, the conference focused on key topics such as transformation, energy infrastructure, infrastructure investment, procurement, technology, and water security. The event featured exhibitions from various companies and consultants, fostering meaningful knowledge exchange between young and senior professionals in the industry. [Read More](#)

## GOOD STORIES FROM THE YPF BRANCHES

### Free State

- [Central University of Technology Career Roadshow](#)

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**Gauteng**

- [Financial Wellness with Investec](#)
- [Second Annual CESA YPF GS UJ Speed Mentoring](#)
- [Mandela Day & Women's Day Initiative](#)

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**Gqeberha**

- [Professional Development Webinar – Innovation in Engineering](#)
- [CESA Gqeberha Branch Function – Young Professionals Leadership Seminar](#)
- [Mentor-Mentee Event – Building Bridges for Growth](#)
- [CESA YPF Eastern Cape Branch - Engineering Consultants Cocktail](#)

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**KwaZulu-Natal**

- [Annual Bowling Event - a Striking Success](#)
- [Quiz night in collaboration with Investec](#)
- [Mental Health Webinar](#)
- [CESA SAIEE 2024 Women's Day](#)
- [Thunee tournament at the SMEC offices](#)
- [CESA YPF KZN Soccer Tournament](#)
- [Site Visit - Upgrading of N2 From Kwamashu Interchange to Umdloti River Bridge](#)
- [Mandela Day at Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre](#)
- [Feeding Scheme at the Missionary Service Charity Home](#)
- [Food Drive for the Ethelbert Children's Home](#)

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**Western Cape**

- [Annual Quiz Night at De Oud Social Café](#)
- [Virtual Site Visit Small Bay Bloubergstrand](#)
- [CESA WC YPF hosted a volleyball competition](#)
- [Financial Wellness Event hosted by Investec](#)
- [Mandela Day Initiative – Beach Clean-up](#)

## **Join the YPF Today!**

We are calling upon all young professionals to become members of the YPF and join the their nearest branch committee and / or take part in our events. We value your contribution and support, and we will strive to ensure that we provide value to your career through our events.

We also seek expressions of interest for existing members who are interested in volunteering to be a part of the YPF Branch Committee.

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