



Dear Environmental Assessment Practitioners,

This newsletter addresses two issues (i) the DEA-EAPAN workshop held on 30 May 2013 and follow-up communications with the Environmental Commissioner, and (ii) our 2nd EAPAN AGM and mini-conference on 18th October 2013.

(i) Follow-up to our DEA-EAPAN workshop

I would like to start by thanking all the EAPAN members who attended our joint DEA-EAPAN workshop on 30 May to review the Environmental Management Act Regulations and their implementation. It was a hugely successful, open and constructive meeting with over 100 participants. The proceedings of the workshop and all the presentations are on the EAPAN website at www.eapan.org.

We have had follow-up correspondence with the Environmental Commissioner. Two main issues have emerged:

- The DEA will work with EAPAN as it revises the legislation, and
- The Environmental Commissioner would like to see EAPAN be pro-active in moving the Association towards an Environmental Practitioners Council underpinned by legislation. We would like to discuss this at the AGM. A draft Environmental Practitioners Bill will be circulated to all members ahead of the AGM and this item will be placed on the Agenda.

(ii) 2nd AGM and Annual mini Conference

The second AGM will be held at the Polytechnic Hotel and Tourism School on Friday 18th October 2013, starting at 10h00. The AGM will run until lunch at about 12h30. Annex 1 contains the formal Notice and Agenda for the AGM. Also attached please find the Minutes and other supporting documents from the 2012 AGM. These can also be viewed on the EAPAN website at www.eapan.org/node/58.

Annex 2 contains a nomination form for the Executive Committee who will be elected at the AGM for the next year. Election of the Executive Committee is covered by points (12) (a)-(k) in the EAPAN Constitution – see EAPAN website. Please submit your nomination form to the EAPAN Secretary at info@eapan.org by 4th October 2013.

The mini Conference will start after lunch at about 13h30. The theme of the mini Conference is “**Strengthening EA practices in Namibia**”. Annex 3 sets out the draft agenda for the day, which will be expanded and finalised nearer to the event.

The committee has identified three themes for the mini Conference:

1: Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in Namibia – challenges and opportunities (co-ordinator: P Tarr)

2: Specialist studies in EIAs - how to promote a more systematic approach (co-ordinator: C Brown), and

3: Screening for EIAs – assessing the appropriate level of assessment needed (co-ordinator: S van Zyl)

We would like to invite Members to give short presentations (max 15 minutes) on one or more of these themes. Please contact the respective theme co-ordinator.

We are awaiting confirmation from the DEA in terms of their input to the meeting and this will be incorporated into an updated Agenda which will be distributed nearer to the event.

So please set Friday 18th October aside and register for the AGM and mini Conference.

RSVP to the EAPAN Secretary at info@eapan.org by 14th October.

Kind regards,

EAPAN Executive Committee

Annex 1



NOTICE OF THE SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION OF NAMIBIA (EAPAN)

Friday, 18th October 2013 at 10h00, at the Polytechnic Hotel & Tourism School, corner of Beethoven and Brahms Street, Windhoek West

AGENDA

1. Opening and welcome
2. Attendance & apologies
3. Additions to the agenda
4. Minutes of the 2012 AGM
5. Chairperson's report
6. Treasurer's report
7. Membership fees for 2014
8. National Environmental Practitioners Council
7. Election of office-bearers for the ensuing year
8. Any Other Business
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.

Annex 2

Nomination form for EAPAN Executive Committee

(see points (12)(a)-(c) of the EAPAN Constitution)

Only Ordinary Members of the Association are entitled to nominate, vote and stand for election to the Executive Committee. All paid-up Members are listed on the EAPAN website. Each Member of the Association may nominate up to five Members for election to the Executive Committee. This form must be signed by the Member nominating and by another Member seconding the nomination.

NOMINATION FORM FOR EAPAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2013/14	
Nominated by:	Signature:
Seconded by:	Signature:
Name of person(s) being nominated	Organisation / company
1.	
2.	
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4.	
5.	

The current Executive Committee is listed below. According to the Constitution, the Members of the Executive Committee are automatically nominated for the next term. Six of the seven members have indicated that they are prepared to stand for another year. Mark Stanton has indicated that he will not stand for another term.

Current EAPAN Executive Committee (2012/13)			
Name	Organisation	E-mail	Portfolio
Chris Brown	Sustainable Solutions Trust	chrisbrown.namibia@gmail.com	President
Pierre Botha	Geo Pollution Technologies (Pty) Ltd	pierre@thenamib.com	Vice President
Stephanie Van Zyl	Enviro Dynamics	stephanie@envirod.com	Secretary
Simon Charter	Synergistics Environmental Services	simon@synergistics.com.na	Treasurer
Don Muroua	Consulting Services Africa (CSA)	donm@csa-nam.com	Member
Mark R. Stanton	Eco Aqua	mark@ecoaqua.com.na	Member
Peter Tarr	SAIEA	peter.tarr@saiea.com	Member

Please submit your nomination form to the EAPAN Secretary at info@eapan.org by 4th October 2013.

Annex 3



EAPAN AGM & mini conference, Friday 18 October 2013

Venue: Polytechnic Hotel & Tourism School, corner of Beethoven and Brahms Street, Windhoek West

Cost: N\$200 per member, N\$300 for non-members (payable in cash at the venue)

Conference Theme: Strengthening Environmental Assessment (EA) practices in Namibia

Draft agenda

10h00 – arrival, registration, tea or coffee & brochen

10h30 – 12h30: AGM

See Annex 1 for Agenda

12h30 - 13h15 Lunch

During lunch - Who's doing what? – Information sharing and networking.

13h30 – 16h45: mini-Conference

Theme 1: Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) in Namibia – challenges and opportunities (co-ordinator P Tarr)

Theme 2: Specialist studies in EIAs - how to promote a more systematic approach (co-ordinator C Brown)

15h00-15h30 Tea or coffee & biscuit

Theme 3: Screening for EIAs – assessing the appropriate level of assessment needed (co-ordinator S van Zyl)

16h45 – 17h00: Wrap-up and concluding remarks

17h00 – 18h00: Snacks and drinks (networking) – cash bar available