

STAYING IN TOUCH WITH MEMBERS

July - September 2025

1 ACEB MEMBERSHIP

1.1 Membership Subscriptions

Final notices were sent to members at the beginning of June with a deadline of 4th July 2025. Members were informed that failure to pay will result in their companies not featuring in the 2025-2026 ACEB Membership Directory.

To date only 50 member firms have fully paid up the annual subscriptions.

The 2025 - 2026 Membership Directory will be distributed in the first week of November 2025.

1.2 Membership Applications

Platinum Services (Pty) Ltd has been accepted as a Corporate Member. The Managing Director is Mr. Zambia Special Champi.

2 UPCOMING EVENTS

2.1 The ACEB Directors Forum will be held on Friday 28th November 2025 in Gaborone

3 MEETINGS/ EVENTS ATTENDED

3.1 ACEB/IBQS/AAB Meeting

The meeting was held on 24th June 2025 with the intention to put together a document/proposal in reaction to the announcements that were seemingly favouring Direct Appointments. The proposal was to be modelled around PAC. This proposal was to be presented to His Excellency the President of the Republic of Botswana.

A follow-up meeting was arranged on 10th July 2025. After prolonged deliberations it was noted that during Business Botswana Construction Sector AGM there was a mention that the Office of the President does not want to meet with individual Associations but instead preferred to meet through Business Botswana. It was also noted that Business Botswana Construction Sector Chairperson had undertaken to arrange for audience with HE regarding the DM issue and Direct Appointment.

The tripartite finally decided to write a letter to Business Botswana Construction Sector Chairperson to find out how far he is with arranging the meeting with HE. The meeting is yet to materialise.

3.2 FIDIC Town Hall

ACEB President together with CEO and some Council members attended an online FIDIC meeting on 2nd July 2025, where 12 eligible candidates for the four vacant FIDIC Board positions were introduced to MA's. This was meant to help MA's with their voting decisions.

3.3 SAFE0 General Assembly and Gala Dinner

Past president Eng. Tebogo Tebogo attended the SAFE0 event on 4th and 5th July 2025, and represented ACEB in a Panel discussion under the theme: **Innovation, Engineering Creativity and Capacity Building as an enabler towards an Energy-Efficient Community**.

3.4 Briefing on the Botswana Economic Transformation Program for the Business Community.

On 1st August 2025 ACEB CEO attended a briefing on the Botswana Economic Transformation Program for the business community (BETP). This is a national initiative which aims to reposition Botswana's economy for long-term resilience, competitiveness, and inclusive growth. The briefing was delivered by the Vice President of the Republic of Botswana and Minister of Finance **Mr. Ndaba N. Gaolathe**. The Vice President was supported by the Senior Policy Advisor from Ministry of Finance, and PEMANDU who are the Program consultants.

3.5 Official Launch of the Employment Function within the Ministry of Labour and Home Affairs

ACEB President attended the launch of the new Department of Employment Services (DES) which took place on 12th August 2025. The launch was officiated by the Minister of Labour and Home Affairs, Honourable Major General (Rtd) Pius Mokgware, under the Theme: **"Positioning Botswana for Inclusive Employment and Economic Transformation"**.

3.6 Botswana National Energy Compact Consultation Workshop

On 7th August 2025 Eng. Buca Motlwa (Tensile) and Eng. Grace Rankgate (North Atlantic) represented ACEB at a consultative workshop organised by Ministry of Minerals and Energy, through the Department of Energy and with support from the World Bank Group, on the development of the Botswana National Energy Compact.

3.7 DM Model Follow-up Meeting

The Business Botswana Engineering Sector invited all its members, including ACEB members to a Virtual Follow-Up meeting on Thursday, August 21st, 2025.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the government's recent decision to revoke the Development Manager (DM) Model for infrastructure projects under the Second National Development Plan (TNDP II), with a view to understanding the implications of this decision and in shaping the path forward for the Industry.

This meeting was building on the Industry's contributions to the Review of the Development Manager (DM) Model and the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure's statement during the National Assembly concerning the findings of the DM Report.

3.8 Local Government Symposium – Build-up Panel Discussion

The Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs invited ACEB to participate as a panelist in the Department of Local Government Technical Services discussion on the topic "Agile Methodologies in Project Management and Strengthening Emergency Response in Botswana", scheduled for 5th September 2025. ACEB was represented by Engineer Leonard Kgathola of Serve Engineering Consultants.

This panel discussion was part of the activities leading up to a High-Level Symposium organized by the Ministry of Local Government and Traditional Affairs, which was held on 22nd -23rd September 2025. The theme of the Symposium was "Reengineering the Role of Local Government in Democracy and the Developmental Agenda".

3.9 Business Botswana Engineering Sector

ACEB President attended the Sector Level High Consultative council (SLHCC) meeting on Monday 8th September 2025 at the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure. SLHCC is a public private dialogue structure between the Ministry leadership and Business Botswana.

3.10 ACEB/PPRA Collaboration Meeting

ACEB President and CEO had a preliminary collaboration meeting with PPRA on Wednesday 10th September 2025. The purpose of the meeting was for the two organisations to explore areas of collaboration and jointly plan the way forward.

3.11 FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference

The 2025 FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference was held at the Cape Town International Convention Centre from 21st-23rd September 2025.

The Conference brought together global leaders, policymakers, and industry experts to discuss the future of infrastructure under the theme "Smart Infrastructure: Equality, Resilience and Innovation for a Sustainable World".

The event considered the challenges faced by both the public and private sectors in developing successful projects and maintain high performing infrastructure assets in a rapidly changing world of digitisation, energy transition, climate change, geo-politics, and growing societal needs. Keynote speakers addressed the planning, funding, and delivery of sustainable infrastructure as well as examining the leadership – business, industry and political – needed to make it happen.

Attendees gained valuable insights from high-level discussions, expert panels, and networking sessions with key decision-makers from across the industry.



Some of the delegates from Botswana



ACEB and CESA Presidents (Facing the camera)

3.12 ACEB /ACEG Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

In September 2025, the Interstate Consultants Engineers Guild (ICEG) based in Kyiv, Ukraine approached ACEB with a proposal to establish a business relationship between our associations, with the idea to start a long-term mutually beneficial cooperation.

A meeting was arranged in Cape town during the FIDIC Global Infrastructure Conference, to discuss further collaboration between ACEB and ICEG in future Ukraine recovery projects. It was at this meeting that both parties signed a memorandum of understanding. This is work in progress, and further details will follow.



Signing ACEB ICEG MOU



ACEB is a new partner of Interstate Consultants Engineers Guild on the African continent - ICEG

4 ACEB FUTURE LEADERS

Engineering Dialogue Session

ACEB FL through Membership committee hosted an Engineering Dialogue Session with the Title "Assessing Salary Equity and Global Competitiveness for Young Engineers in Botswana."The panelists who led the conversation included representatives from ERB, BIE, SAFE0, ACEB FL and also some international speakers from Zambia and Uganda.



Engineering Crash Course

ACEB FL also hosted two Crash courses in July and September. Engineer Atlasaoe Kelapile shared some knowledge on the Design, Simulation and Construction of Pump Stations which was a hugely attended session especially by those from the mechanical field where as on the other hand, Fundamentals of Project Management was hosted by Engineer Michelle Mothibi who shared some insights on some critical aspects to look out for when managing a project and how MS Projects can be a critical in managing projects.



Primary School Presentations

Engineer John Kiggundu of ACEB FL hosted some presentations at 4 schools about the Mathangwane-Mandunyane road project where the students were introduced to Engineering and the work that engineers do.



Engineering Competition

ACEB FL through the mentorship committee hosted the Inaugural ACEB FL Engineering Competition in partnership with the University of Botswana Faculty of Engineering & Technology on the theme Engineering Solutions for a Sustainable Future In Botswana. The competition was aimed at promoting the Engineering Field in the Secondary schools while also preparing the Tertiary students to the real world of solving real engineering problems. The competition was sponsored by Bothakga Burrow, CPP Botswana, Geoflux and Zhong Gan and there were 3 schools competing in the Junior Schools category and 3 from the tertiary institutions. Maruapula School came out 1st in the Junior category where as New Era College came 1st in the Tertiary Category.



5 ACEB Training – Course Schedule 2025

5.1 Public Courses

MONTH	DATE	COURSE	Comments
SEPTEMBER	18 th	Short Form of Contract – Green Book- 30 Minutes Free Webinar	46 participants
DECEMBER	2 nd – 3 rd	Module 3- FIDIC Dispute Adjudication Board (DAB) and Dispute Avoidance and Adjudication Board (DAAB) based on FIDIC Red, Yellow and FIDIC Contracts Guide books	Online
	4 th	Short Form of Contract – Green Book	Online

Debswana Head Office

Discussions are at an advanced stage with Debswana regarding bespoke FIDIC Contracts training for their employees at Head Office and Orapa, in March 2026.