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Bridging the Gap through Transformation
A summary of socio-political events that have reshaped institutions and the organization and practice of civil engineering, for sustainable economic development in South Africa and neighboring countries

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Abstract

1994 saw a new peacefully negotiated political dispensation in South Africa and a democratically elected government of former President Nelson Mandela.

This talk will address the role of the engineering profession in South Africa with a particular focus on civil engineering, in 'bridging the developmental gap' during the ensuing years of transformation.

New institutional frameworks came into being and a newly found potential now exists which will facilitate economic development through delivery of infrastructure and services, and help alleviate poverty not only in previously disadvantaged communities in South Africa, but the entire subcontinent in Africa.

The role of the South African Institution of Civil Engineering will be discussed, in particular how it addresses new challenges such as globalisation, skills shortages and sustainable development.

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