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PIARC Seminar on

Rural Roads Maintenance

Hilton Hotel | Durban | South Africa

27 - 29 November 2013

EARN 2½ CPD POINTS
Seminar Overview:
The World Road Association (PIARC) in partnership with the South African National Roads Agency SOC Limited, KwaZulu-Natal Department of Transport, The South African Road Federation, eThekwini Metro and The South African Institute of Civil Engineers are pleased to announce an International Seminar on Rural Roads Maintenance that will be held in the city of Durban KwaZulu-Natal Province, South Africa from 27th to 29th November 2013.

This seminar is part of the International Seminars Programme promoted by the World Road Association. The seminar will provide you with an excellent opportunity to share your expertise and experiences; to identify challenges and explore with colleagues innovative solutions for the benefit of all.

The primary objectives of the seminar are:
(i) To exchange information on the technical issues regarding development, funding and maintenance of rural road networks;
(ii) To provide opportunities on approaches and sharing information amongst local, regional and international expertise on rural road networks maintenance and;
(iii) To create networking opportunities for local/regional/international colleagues.

The Seminar is open to experts, practitioners, academics and professionals that deal with road maintenance particularly low volume roads and roads in rural and peri-urban areas. The participation of local and regional expertise is an important and integral part of the overall seminar programme.

Seminar Topics:
The Seminar provides an opportunity for speakers to address issues broadly based on the following topics:
• National policies for rural road systems
• Asset and Access Management
• Management of rural road maintenance and improvement
• Promoting sustainable maintenance of rural road systems
• Environmental issues
• Design for sustainable maintenance on rural roads
• Road Safety
• Development of emerging contractors

The Seminar will feature:
• Technical tour: 27 September 2013
• Plenary presentations by national and international speakers
• Plenary panel discussions

Social events will be held to facilitate networking and further opportunities to explore topics discussed during the various sessions.

Seminar venue:
The seminar will take place from Wednesday, 27th to Friday, 29th November 2013 in Durban, South Africa.

Languages:
The official language of the seminar will be in English with simultaneous translation into French and Spanish.

Delegates to the seminar:
The organising committee anticipates that there will be good quality attendance at the seminar with representation from:
• Department of Transport
• The South African National Roads Agency SOC Limited
• The South African Institute of Civil Engineers
• The South African Road Federation
• Members of World Road Association Technical Committee on Rural Road systems and Accessibility to Rural Areas
• eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality
• Regional experts from Southern African Developing Countries (SADC) Representatives from consultants, contractors, etc.
Seminar Fees per delegate
PIARC Members free
Non – PIARC Members R2500 or $250

The fee includes a bound set of notes, teas and a light lunch.
The above fees include Value Added Tax (VAT).
Presenters and Facilitators are exempted from paying the seminar fee.

Registration form
Registration forms are available on request, see contact information below.

Accommodation
The seminar venue is a rated with a five star service. There are 40 rooms reserved for the seminar delegates at a special rate. Please quote ‘ABSAZAJJ’ when making a booking to access this discount. Hotel details are as follows:
HILTON DURBAN
12-14 Walnut Road, Durban, 4001, SOUTH AFRICA
TEL: 27-31-336-8100, FAX: 27-31-336-8200,
email: Durban_Reservations@hilton.com

There are many other hotels within a walking distance from the seminar venue. Please ask for assistance about this information.

Contact
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Program for Spouses:
Light activities will be planned for the spouses while the seminar is in progress.