



Network for Industrially Contaminated Land in Africa (NICOLA)

Dear NICOLA members,

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CONTAMINATED LAND MANAGEMENT 101 TRAINING FEEDBACK

The inaugural Contaminated Land Management 101 training took place on 31 July and 1 August and proved to be a huge success. The Steering Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all the presenters for their time and dedication to the training.

4'th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Steering Committee is hard at work and preparation for this year's conference is well underway; we are looking forward to welcome you on 30 & 31 October. If you have not registered yet, I urge you to complete your registration as soon as possible. Remember, as a paid-up NICOLA member, you enjoy preferential conference registration rates and if your company is a Company member of NICOLA, it entitles you to a 10% overall conference discount. For your convenience we have attached the preliminary conference programme and registration form.

There are still a few sponsorship opportunities left, please also find attached an updated list of opportunities available for sponsorship. Note that the closing date for sponsorship opportunities have been extended to Friday, **12 October 2018**.

PHOTO COMPETITION



NICOLA is holding a photographic competition, please see attached flyer for more information. The competition is open to all, so please feel free to distribute it to colleagues and friends. The best photos will be used for NICOLA purposes such as display on our website. Prizes include an R800 exclusive books voucher. We can't wait to see your artistic flare! Please ensure your photos are submitted by **19 October**.

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY



NICOLA is committed to the mutual enrichment and advancement of its membership. This is after all YOUR organisation! We have set up a questionnaire to gain a better understanding of your expectation of NICOLA and how you may wish to participate in NICOLA.

Please do take a few minutes to participate by clicking on the link below:

<https://goo.gl/forms/FLdzp83st6dYTIWX2>

You can choose your response to be anonymous (and you just let us know your company name) or to enter your name – the responses will be confidential and will only be used for research and improvement of NICOLA. Any comments or suggestions can be send to admin@nicola-org.com. Survey closes **12 October**.

WEBSITE UPDATE

Our website has undergone a few upgrades and are up and running again. You are welcome to browse through our website (www.nicola-org.com) and send your comments and thoughts to admin@nicola-org.com. In addition, we have created a “membership portal” for members only. You will receive an email from NICOLA Admin in the upcoming weeks with your new membership username and password, which can be used to access the membership portal.

NICOLA- CONNECT

Successful **NICOLA-Connect** events have been held recently in Cape Town (WSP) and Johannesburg (AECOM). However, with the NICOLA Conference fast approaching, the next Durban event (to be hosted by Spill Tech) has been pushed out slightly, until 20 November. Ideas to improve these events, and a review of the event frequency, will be discussed with NICOLA members during the Conference in order to ensure that value of each event is maximised for our members and the host companies.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

Our annual 2018 General Meeting will be hosted again on **31 October** at Gallagher Convention Centre and will form part of the conference. Members are most welcome to attend the General Meeting free of charge, even if they don't attend the conference. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect a Steering Committee for the next term of office. All members in good standing (including due payments) will be allowed to run for a position on the Steering Committee and to vote. Proxy voting is allowed, however no member with a voting right may act as a proxy for more than five fellow members, per clause 43 of the constitution. The Steering Committee also intends to amend the NICOLA Constitution during the General Meeting session.

Yours in good faith,



Simone Labuschagne
Chairperson: NICOLA