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## **SACLAP MEDIA RELEASE**

### **SACLAP SIGNS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH IFLA**

The South African Council for the Landscape Architectural Profession (SACLAP); is proud to announce the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA).

The MoU is in accordance with the powers vested in Council with regards to education in Landscape Architecture. Section 13(h) of the Act states that:

*“The council may enter an agreement with any person or body of persons, within or outside the Republic, with regards to the recognition of any examination or qualification for the purposes of this Act.”*

#### **THE PARTNERS TO THE MOU**

SACLAP is a statutory body established in terms of section 2 of the Landscape Architectural Profession Act, Act number 45 of 2000 (the Act); empowered by law to regulate the Landscape Architecture and Landscape Management professions in South Africa. It is responsible, among other things, to regulate and advance the profession by accrediting relevant educational programmes in tertiary institutions which lead to qualifications in the landscape professions. SACLAP sets education standards and accreditation procedures in line with national imperatives whilst consulting with the Council on Higher Education (CHE); the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA) and the Council for the Built Environment (CBE)

IFLA is a global organisation committed to promoting landscape architecture and ensuring the highest standards of professional practice and education worldwide, for which IFLA holds both globally and regionally administered systems of education programme recognition, that are titled IFLA Recognition and IFLA Accreditation;

IFLA and SACLAP have agreed to establish a collaborative framework for the mutual recognition of higher education policies, education standards, and accreditation/recognition of education programmes in landscape architecture.

This partnership will enhance the mutual recognition of tertiary educational programmes and reciprocal recognition of accreditation outcomes.

## **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the MoU are as follows:

- i. Alignment of Accreditation Systems:**
  - Mutually recognise the validity of IFLA and SACLAP accreditation and recognition to ensure mutual recognition of education programmes.
  - Ensure respectively accredited or recognized programmes meet respective standards to provide assurance in mutual recognition of education programme.
- ii. Global Recognition of SACLAP Accredited Programmes:**
  - IFLA agrees to recognise SACLAP accredited programmes as equivalent to IFLA recognised programme under IFLA Global Programmes Recognition policy, therefore facilitating the mobility of South African graduates globally.
- iii. National Recognition of Foreign Programmes:**
  - SACLAP agrees to recognise foreign programmes that have achieved IFLA recognition or accreditation, subject to compliance with national statutory requirements, facilitating the global exchange of landscape architecture graduates and professionals.
- iv. Transparency in Recognition and Accreditation Processes:**
  - Ensure transparency in recognition and accreditation processes and decisions, thus allowing for mutual scrutiny, if required.
- v. Continuous Improvement:**
  - Nurture inter-institutional dialogue to improve the respective accreditation and recognition procedures.

The MoU was concluded and signed by Mr IFLA President (20 June 2025) and Mr Ngwako Edward Hutamo SACLAP President(23 June 2025). The agreement will remain in effect from 23 June 2025 until 23 June 2030 and may be extended by mutual written agreement.

A copy of the signed MoU may be accessed on SACLAP website [www.saclap.org.za](http://www.saclap.org.za)



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