



DECLARATION OF THE NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION SUMMIT, 2025

“TURBOCHARGING THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY FOR IMPROVED PERFORMANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY”

1. Preamble

The construction industry remains a cornerstone of South Africa’s economic and social development. It is the engine that drives infrastructure delivery, enabling access to essential services and creating the foundation for inclusive growth and job creation. From roads and bridges to schools, hospitals, and housing, the sector underpins the nation’s aspirations for prosperity and equity. Yet, despite its strategic importance, the industry faces persistent challenges, ranging from project delays and cost overruns to skills shortages, transformation gaps, and governance concerns that hinder its ability to deliver at scale and with efficiency.

Recognising these realities, the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure (DPWI), in partnership with the Construction Industry Development Board (cidb), convened the National Construction Summit 2025 as a platform for dialogue, collaboration, and action. The Summit brought together government leaders, private sector stakeholders, professional bodies, emerging contractors, and civil society to address systemic barriers and unlock opportunities for growth. It served as a forum to share insights, debate solutions, and forge consensus on the reforms and innovations required to strengthen the construction value chain.

This Declaration reflects a shared commitment to improving industry performance, embedding sustainability and innovation, advancing transformation and skills development, and ensuring governance and regulatory compliance. Through these commitments, the Summit seeks to create an enabling environment for infrastructure delivery that is efficient, transparent, and inclusive, laying the foundation for a resilient and competitive construction sector that contributes meaningfully to South Africa’s long-term development goals.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this Declaration is to articulate a unified vision and actionable commitments for a high-performance construction industry that drives socio-economic development. It aims to align public and private stakeholders around common priorities that will accelerate infrastructure delivery, promote sustainability, and foster innovation. The Declaration seeks to advance transformation and skills development, ensuring that the industry reflects the diversity and potential of the South African people. It also underscores the importance of governance and regulatory compliance as pillars of accountability and trust.

By setting out these objectives, the Declaration provides a roadmap for collaboration and implementation. It calls on all stakeholders, including government departments, industry associations, contractors, professionals, and communities to work together in pursuit of measurable outcomes that will enhance efficiency, create jobs, and build capacity. In doing so, it reaffirms the sector’s role as a catalyst for economic growth and social equity, ensuring that infrastructure development becomes a lever for national progress and resilience.



3. Summit Declarations

3.1 Publish a Unified Performance Improvement Framework for industry performance improvement by 30 June 2026 which Monitors and reports on performance across infrastructure clients, professional service providers and contractors.

- 3.1.1 Non-performing infrastructure clients reported in terms of capacity to implement infrastructure projects.
- 3.1.2 Blacklisting non-performing contractors.
- 3.1.3 Blacklisting non-performing professional service providers.
- 3.1.4 Require Built environment professionals to be involved in infrastructure planning and delivery.
- 3.1.5 Cost Norms developed for key infrastructure categories.
- 3.1.6 Finalise the CIDB Amendment Act to enhance performance improvement across the Infrastructure delivery value chain

3.2 Accelerate the implementation of the B.U.I.L.D Programme across infrastructure clients, as a key lever for enterprise and skills development.

- 3.2.1 1000 contractors trained on Construction Management Systems in 2026
- 3.2.2 3000 beneficiaries trained through the Skills Development Standard applied on infrastructure projects in 2026.
- 3.2.3 Digital skills interventions map developed across cidb, CETA, CBE and other development entities.

3.3 Address site disruption through implementation of the Integrated Social Facilitation Framework across infrastructure clients by 30 June 2026.

- 3.3.1 Support to clients on implementing the Integrated Social Facilitation Framework.
- 3.3.2 Establish a Professional Registration Category for Social Facilitators.

3.4 Enhance sustainability and drive innovation in the construction industry.

- 3.4.1 Publish a National Building Information Modelling (BIM) Framework for the construction industry by 30 September 2025.
- 3.4.2 Standardise and digitalise project manage processes in the public works sector for efficient project delivery and transparency.
- 3.4.3 Update building codes and procurement policies to reflect sustainability and innovation priorities.
- 3.4.4 Collaboration between Public Works and CoGTA on fast-tracking/digitalizing approval of plans for private sector projects



3.5 Enhance the Public Works infrastructure mandate.

- 3.5.1 All legislation and regulation governing the built environment should reside under the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure, and its Entities.
- 3.5.2 Centralisation of budget for infrastructure projects

4. Signatories

Stakeholder	Representative	Signature
Summit Hosts		
Department of Public Works and Infrastructure	Minister Dean Macpherson	
Department of Public Works and Infrastructure	Deputy Minister Sihle Zikalala	
Construction Industry Development Board	Mr Khulile Nzo	
Public Works Sector MEC's		
Department of Infrastructure and Development and Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Gauteng	MEC Jacob Mamabolo	
Department of Roads and Public Works, Northern Cape	MEC Fufe Makatong	
Department of Public Works and Infrastructure, Free State	MEC Dibolelo Mahlatsi	
Department of Infrastructure, Western Cape	MEC Tertuis Simmers	
Department of Public Works, Roads and Infrastructure, Limpopo	MEC Sebataolo Rachoene	
Department of Public Works and Infrastructure Eastern Cape	MEC Siphokazi Mani-Lusithi	
Department of Public Works and Roads: North West	MEC Elizabeth Mokua	
Department of Public Works and Infrastructure, KwaZulu-Natal	MEC Martin Meyer	
Public Works, Roads, and Transport, Mpumalanga	MEC Thulasizwe Thomo	



5. Endorsing Organisations and Entities

Note that after the declarations are signed by the Minister, Deputy Minister, Chairperson of cidb Board and MEC's the Declaration will be distributed to endorsing organisations which will be listed here.