



SAHF International Conference, Exhibition & Housing Awards 11-14 October 2009

The Southern African Housing Foundation (SAHF), the catalyst bringing housing professionals together, supporting the development of sustainable communities recently hosted their annual International Housing Conference & Exhibition in Cape Town and was attended by delegates from the United Kingdom, Canada, Germany, The Netherlands, Hong Kong, Namibia and other African Countries as well as public and private sector organisations from South Africa.

Dr Avi Friedman, a Professor from McGill University School of Architecture, Montreal, Canada delivered an engaging presentation discussing the design of sustainable homes and communities for the 21st Century.



The keynote address was given by Premier of the Western Cape, Helen Zille who highlighted important issues pertaining to housing development in South Africa. Premier Zille focussed on the important fact that the rapid urbanisation was due to many thousands of rural communities seeking economic opportunities as a first priority whilst formal housing became their secondary priority. The State must focus on supporting economic development and education to alleviate poverty in order to sustain housing development.



The focus on this year's conference was 'Spotlight on Housing for 2010' and dynamic and thought provoking presentations were made by a panel of speakers from the United Kingdom. Mr Chris Moquet, Mr Ian Beckett, Mr Chris Hill and Ms Diane Bellinger presented a range of sporting stadium developments as sporting centres in support of local communities incorporating integrated social housing.



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