

-Agrement South Africa Hosts Technical Industry and Stakeholder Engagement Forum at UCT

Cape Town, 26 June 2025 — Agrement South Africa (ASA) hosted its **Technical Industry and Stakeholder Engagement Forum** at the University of Cape Town (UCT) under the theme: **“Advancing Certification of Non-Standardised Products: Driving Innovation for a Sustainable Built Environment.”**

The forum brought together key players across the built environment, innovation, academic, and regulatory sectors to engage on issues central to the certification of innovative and non-standardised construction products and systems.

In his opening remarks, **Mr Richard Somanje, CEO of Agrement South Africa**, highlighted the strategic importance of stakeholder collaboration in ensuring that certified, fit-for-purpose technologies are implemented to address infrastructure needs. “This forum provides a vital platform to exchange insights and work towards harmonised solutions that accelerate the uptake of innovative technologies,” he said.

The day’s programme featured in-depth technical presentations by ASA’s certification and assessment teams, who unpacked the organisation’s role in the evaluation of alternative building technologies (ABTs), quality management system assessments, and the alignment of ASA processes with national building regulations and sustainability targets.

Key discussions included:

- Enhancing transparency and efficiency in the certification process
- Bridging the gap between innovation and compliance
- The role of public sector procurement in promoting ASA-certified products
- Lessons learned from implementation of certified systems in public infrastructure projects

ASA used the platform to reinforce its ongoing review of internal frameworks, aligned with emerging industry demands and global best practices, and to encourage continuous dialogue among stakeholders.

The organisation expressed gratitude to all attendees, technical contributors, and the **University of Cape Town** for hosting this critical engagement aimed at shaping a more inclusive, responsive, and innovative built environment sector.

