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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the second edition of our new format newsletter, **Arbitrarily Speaking**. This month the theme is all about events and training. Whether through the Association or our partners, February and March have several invaluable courses available for our members.

Note: we are still fleshing out the formatting and design changes. Should you have any issues reading this newsletter, please don't hesitate to [let us know](#).

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26 February 2026

**AI IN ARBITRATION:
TURNING DOCUMENT CHAOS
into CASE CLARITY
with Hevi**

presented by **Hevi**

PAUL CULVENOR
Co-Founder, Hevi

AI FOR ARBITRATION: TURNING DOCUMENT CHAOS INTO CASE CLARITY WITH HEVI

Join the Association for the 6th artificial intelligence (AI) webinar in a series in our ongoing mission to provide regular upskilling opportunities for everyone interested in alternative dispute resolution (ADR).

Modern arbitrations on complex construction and mining matters are won or lost in the documents, not the speeches. This session shows a practical, defensible workflow for using AI to accelerate evidence review, build chronologies, map issues to sources, and pressure test submissions across thousands of records, while keeping data private and controlled. We will walk through a simple end to end “case build” flow, including evidence triage, timeline building, issue and allegation mapping, witness and expert preparation, and hearing support searches, with an emphasis on process integrity and human verification

Date: 26 February 2026

Time: 18:00 to 19:00 (SAST),
16:00 to 17:00 (BWT)

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ARBITRATION EDUCATION STATION

The Association is able to appoint competent and experienced arbitrators, as well as other specialists, in alternative dispute resolution (ADR). To support these core activities, the Association has a proud history of providing excellent training and tutelage by a team of dedicated specialists.

The Association's arbitration courses for 2026 are currently open for application. Prospective students have until 28 February 2026 to register. For more information, please click the following:

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Advocates and Attorneys](#)

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for the Certificate Course in Arbitration](#)

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for the Specialisation in
Construction Law Course](#)

COURT-ANNEXED MEDIATION

During April 2025, the Gauteng Judge President issued (and subsequently amended and revised) his **Mandatory Mediation Directive and Protocol** (the D&P).

In terms of the D&P, the Association is a listed Recognised Mediation Organisation (RMO) and is affiliated with ADRP-SA. The Association's 5-day/40-hour mediation training course, presented in partnership with the Society of Mediators (UK), is accredited by DiSAC as required by the D&P.

Details of the Association's certified court-annexed mediators are available on our **Court-Annexed Mediators Panel**.

5-DAY ONLINE FOUNDATION MEDIATION COURSE


Join the Association, in partnership with the leading London mediation training charity **The Society of Mediators (UK)**, to receive foundational mediation training accredited / recognised by the Civil Mediation Council (UK) and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK).

Date: **23 to 27 March 2026**


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Visual Programming and Design Automation for Structural Engineers

SAICE SOS Webinar

 **Date:** Thursday, 26th February 2026

 **Time:** 17h30 - 19h00

 **Venue:** MS Teams

In accordance with the ECSA CPD Policy SAICE reserves the right to request attendees to complete an additional summative assessment where required.

Please note that when attending an event online you are required to remain in the session for the minimum required duration to qualify for CPD.

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SAICE is an ECSA recognised CPD Service Provider SP_028/2025



Fireside Chat

Stabilisation of Basic Oxygen Furnace Slag Aggregate for Structural Concrete through Accelerated Carbonation and Supplementary Cementitious Materials



Date: Thursday, 12th March 2026



Time: 16:30-18:00



Venue: Microsoft Teams



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Head, Engineering Centre of Excellence (CoE)



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MSc(Engl), BSc(Civil Eng)



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PhD, MSc(Engl), BEng(Civil Eng)



Prof. Sunday Nwaubani
PhD, MSc, PGCert(Ed), SAICE, SFHEA, FICE

To qualify for the CPD for this event, you must attend for the minimum duration according to the CPD value
SAICE is an ECSA recognized CPD Service Provider (SP_028/2025)
SAICE reserves the right to conduct an assessment for all online activities if required

For more information, contact marketing@saice.org.za

UNCLE OSWALD'S Q&A FORUM

In this edition, Uncle Oswald advises his old friend Fearless Frikkie on submitting Disputed Documents to the contractor in a dispute.

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