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### **PAN AFRICAN CEMETERIES & CREMATORIA CONFERENCE 27 – 30 AUGUST 2017**

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Cemeteries remain one of the most challenges facing municipalities. The challenges in this regard range from budget constraints to the allocation of suitable land for burial purposes. As such, SALGA has partnered with the South African Cemeteries Association (SACA) to address some of the challenges by hosting a Pan African Cemeteries & Crematoria Conference on 27 - 30 August 2017 in Durban.

This platform will serve as a learning experience for municipalities to be exposed to other practices across the country and internationally, bearing in mind communities' cultural beliefs. The Conference is an extension of the Local Government Summit on Cemeteries hosted by SALGA on 12 – 13 September 2011.

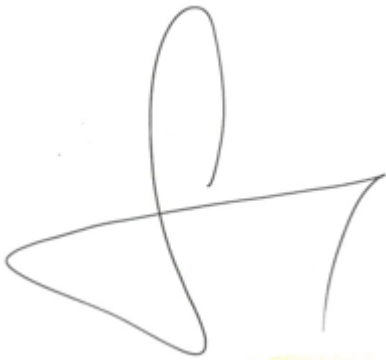
The Conference will address the current state of Cemeteries in South African Cities, including ways to mitigate challenges relating to land availability, as well as the economic impact of burials versus cremations. Furthermore, the following sub-themes will be addressed:

- Environmental Sciences
- Latest technology in burial / cremation
- Sustainable Development
- Landscape Planning
- Horticulture
- Town Planning
- Microbiology
- Geology

Public leaders in the discipline and local government practitioners interested in presenting during the conference are invited to submit briefs on oral presentations, posters, short film, or exhibitions that relate to any of the above-mentioned sub-themes. The closing date for submissions is 31 July 2017. For further details regarding the conference and / or submission of presentations, please contact Ms Dorah Kiki on 012 369 8000 or [dkiki@salga.org.za](mailto:dkiki@salga.org.za) .

Municipalities are encouraged to attend. Further information is provided in the attached brochure.

Yours sincerely,

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