



NUST architecture programme soars with global accreditation



The undergraduate Bachelor, the Honours Bachelor and the Master of Architecture Programmes at the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) have gained international accreditation, cementing global recognition for NUST's Architecture graduates.

A 15-member panel of representatives from the Namibia Council for Architects and Quantity Surveyors (NCAQS), the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP) and the Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA) visited NUST's

Department of Architecture, Planning and Construction in September 2022. The aim of their visit was to review the undergraduate and postgraduate Architecture programmes offered by the Department. The joint panel of professional Architecture associations

recommended "unconditional validation", the highest-level validation status obtainable, which is recognised in Namibia, South Africa and the Commonwealth of Nations. This accreditation status is also recognized by a host of other countries, including the United States of America, Canada, Mexico, Australia, and China, amongst others.

"Our Architecture programmes have now joined an elite club at NUST, as these qualifications are now recognized internationally," said Dr Phillip Lühl, Associate Dean for the School of Engineering and the Built Environment. He added that this development enhances the employability of NUST's Architecture graduates, placing them on par with graduates from other leading Architecture Departments across the world. The unit is mandated to provide Namibia with professionals in architecture and

related fields. In 2016/17 the review panel of the above professional bodies granted unconditional validation for the Bachelor of Architecture and Bachelor of Architecture Honours programmes. In the five years since its introduction, no fewer than 19 individuals eligible for professional registration as Architects with the NCAQS, have graduated from the Architecture Masters programme.

"I wish to congratulate the Department of Architecture, Planning and Construction on this significant achievement, the University as a whole and myself are incredibly proud of you," said NUST Vice-Chancellor, Dr Erol Naomab.

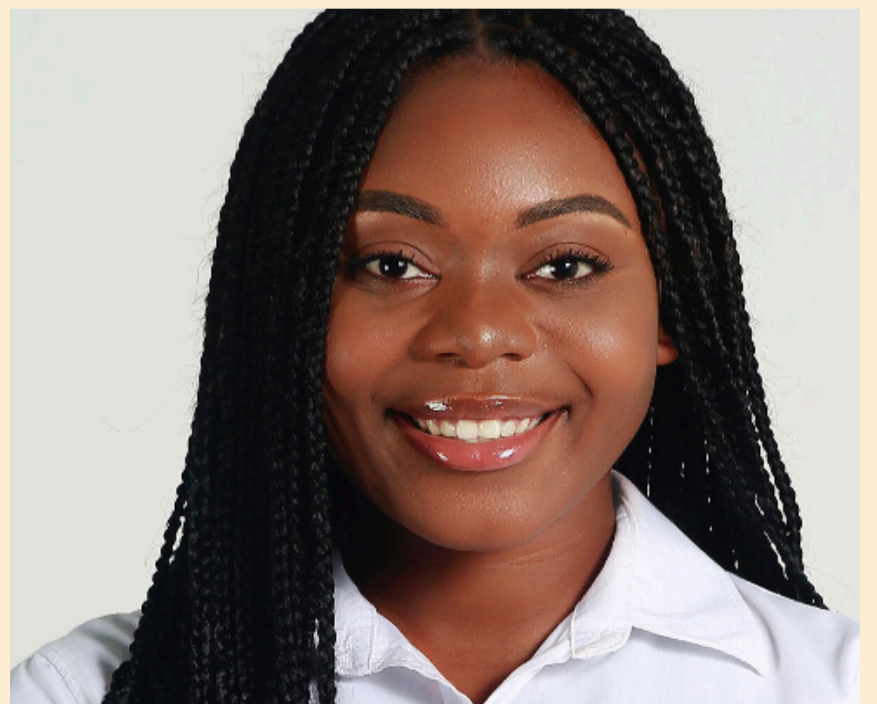
International accreditation of qualifications makes it possible for graduates to register in professional categories both locally and internationally.



Top: Student projects displayed. Bottom: The Joint NCAQS – SACAP – CAA Validation Board with the Associate Dean: School for the Built Environment, Dr Phillip Lühl (left).

New SRC President leads relief for indebted senior students' registration

Meet Ms Martha Ambabi



NUST SRC President, Martha Ambabi.

Ambabi is the 3rd female President of the NUST Students' Representative Council (SRC), a role she was elected to at the end of 2022.

She is currently reading towards Marketing qualification. Before assuming this role, Ambabi served as the NUST SRC for External Affairs. Her other current commitments include volunteering at the One Economy Foundation, and serving as Chairperson of the NUST Marketing Society.

The tall, kind and soft spoken Ambabi is no pushover. She is relentless about student issues and has already moved a motion to NUST management to make concessions about outstanding student debt, and registration relief for indebted senior students. The matter is currently being

considered by management and a decision is expected as early as next week.

The well-known quote on leadership by Tim Rohn resonate with Ambabi states that; "The challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not a bully; be thoughtful, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humour, but without folly."

Ambabi has pledged to both lead and serve NUST and its student community with integrity. She has emphasized that the 2023 SRC will fulfill its responsibility of enhancing student life on campus.