

Leading Property Entrepreneur is appointed Board Chair of Research Centre at University of Johannesburg

The newly established Sustainable Materials and Construction Technologies Centre (SMaCT) at the University of Johannesburg has appointed Rali Mampeule as its inaugural Board Chair. SMaCT is a Research Centre in the School of Civil Engineering and The Built Environment of the University of Johannesburg and was established through the University Senate in 2021. The Centre will house the second 3D printer for the built environment on the African continent and will be a catalyst for research and continuous product and process innovation in the built environment.

Rali Mampeule is considered one of South Africa's top real estate entrepreneurs. He is the CEO and founder of the South African Housing and Infrastructure Fund (SAHIF) a \$1 billion property fund. He is a member of Forbes Real Estate Council and has been in the Real Estate industry for over 20 years. He brings industry experience to the Research Centre which will ensure that the centre produces products for the centre.

At the time of the appointment, Prof Mahachi said "I have no doubt that your skills and experience will be invaluable to our Advisory Board and look forward to working together with you. I also want to take this time to thank you for your willingness to avail your time in serving our members and for your contribution towards making the Centre successful. We are looking forward to your strategic leadership and contribution to the success and growth of SMaCT."

Quote from Rali Mampeule, " "

About UJ SMaCT

The University of Johannesburg Sustainable Materials and Construction Technologies Centre is aligned with the President of South Africa's national priorities and the National Development Plan. The research agenda of the centre is to eradicate the housing backlog of over 2 million, and the need to provide quality affordable houses.

The need to embrace the advances in the fourth industrial revolution, through the use of advanced information and communication technologies in construction;

The willingness of the government to support the use of pre-manufactured and innovative building technologies to fast track delivery of critically needed social infrastructure especially during this COVID 19 pandemic crisis; and

The rising cost of energy has been witnessed in recent time.

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