



SAPOA – UCT Property Programme

Introduction to South African Property Programme

Online, 20 & 21 and 27 & 28 May 2026, mornings

Introduction

SAPOA and the University of Cape Town (UCT) are adapting to the changing training needs of the South African property market by transitioning from face-to-face to online and hybrid courses. This shift is driven by the increasing demand for online courses, the inability of companies to free employees for extended periods, and the rising costs associated with travel and accommodation for face-to-face courses.

Live interactions assist in creating a comprehensive and engaging learning environment. The proposed online format therefore includes a mix of live synchronous sessions and online learning materials and activities. This format allows for the preservation of the 'warmth' and structure associated with face-to-face programmes while providing the flexibility of online learning. The inclusion of both academics and property professionals in the presentation further enriches the learning experience.

The SAPOA – UCT Property Programme includes three short courses:

Introduction to South African Property Programme (IPP)

Introduction to Property Investment and Finance (IPIF)

Public Sector Real Estate Programme (PSRP)

Course Objective

The main objective of this course is to provide participants with an introduction to the SA property industry. It is an induction programme to the Sector which SAPOA members can use to as part of their overall company induction programme.

Course Outcomes

- Understand the structure of the SA property sector.
- Understand the role players in the SA property sector (including REITS).
- Understand the critical rules that drive the property sector (the law).
- The fundamentals of town planning.
- Fundamentals of major functions of the property business.
- Property management.
- Property facility management.
- Property asset management:
 - Analysis of trends in the SA property sector
 - An introduction to property investment terminology

Course Content

Module 1: Introduction to the SA property sector; SA property trends.

Module 2: The players in the SA property sector.

Module 3: An introduction to property investment concepts.

Module 4: The fundamentals of property law and planning.

Module 5: An introduction to property and facilities management.

Course Format

The course will be delivered online with live sessions, including activities like panel discussions. It will run over two weeks with two morning sessions per week, each lasting about 2 hours. Participants will also complete additional readings and quizzes for each module.

Who Should Attend?

This course is primarily focussed to those who are new to the South African property sector, or who might need a stronger background to the sector. This course would be useful to public and private sector professionals new to the sector, individuals in who work in property management teams and individuals in an administrative position who need a better understanding of the sector.

Certificate Requirements

A certificate of participation will be awarded to participants who attend at least 80% of the live sessions and complete each module.

A certificate of completion will be awarded to participants who attend at least 80% of the live sessions, complete each module, and achieve a minimum of 50% for the quizzes.

Course Overview

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| Course | Introduction to South African Property Programme |
| Dates and Duration | 20-21 <u>and</u> 27-28 May 2026, morning sessions, 10h00 – 12h00 |
| Venue | Presented online via MS Teams and Amathuba (UCT's online learning platform) |
| Format | Synchronous online sessions, two mornings a week for two weeks. Total course duration including readings and quizzes: 20 hours |
| Course fees | SAPOA Members: R10 500 Non-members: R15 750 |
| Registration Deadline | Monday 4 May 2026 |
| Enquiries | CPD Programme: ebe-cpd@uct.ac.za SAPOA: eduofficer@sapoa.org.za |

Course Presenters

All the presenters on the course are recognised leaders in their fields.



Dr Louie van Schalkwyk is a Senior Lecturer in property law in the Department of Construction Economics & Management at the University of Cape Town. She is also a researcher at the SARChI Research Chair: Mineral and Energy Resources Law in Africa, hosted at the Law Faculty of the University of Cape Town. Her current research interests include property law, the regulation of land use, and expropriation law. Louie holds a PhD in Law from the University of Cape Town, and LLB and LLM degrees from the University of Stellenbosch. She is also an admitted attorney, notary and conveyancer of the High Court of South Africa with about ten years of experience in conveyancing and notarial practice.



Uche Ordor obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees in architecture from the University of Jos, Nigeria in 1989 and 1992 respectively. Between 1993 and 2003, he practised as an architect with Hamada Design Consultants, in Maiduguri, Nigeria, culminating in his establishing and running the firm's office in Abuja, where he incorporated sustainability features and passive energy systems in the high-rise office buildings which he designed and built for corporate clients in the Abuja CBD. Uche later transited into his own practice, thereafter, building a small research-driven private property development consultancy. He later completed a master's programme in Property Studies at the University of Cape Town (UCT) and joined UCT as a full-time member of staff. Uche's research interests are in urban facilities management issues. He is currently a doctoral candidate in the field of urban facilities management.



Dr Saul Nurick is a senior lecturer in the Department of Construction Economics and Management at the University of Cape Town (UCT), where he teaches on the both the undergraduate and masters Property Studies programmes. His teaching focuses on property financial mathematics, property feasibility analysis, property finance and environmental aspects linking to the real estate sector. He holds a BCom, BSc (Hons) (Property Studies) and MPhil from the University of Cape Town, and a PhD from the University of the Witwatersrand. He is registered as a chartered surveyor with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). He is the director of the Urban Real Estate Research Unit (URERU), based at UCT.



Dr Tshilidzi (Tshili) Ephraim Nephawe is a built-environment executive and strategist with over 20 years of leadership experience across Strategic Facilities Management (SFM), Corporate Real Estate and infrastructure portfolios. His career spans construction, consulting engineering, provincial government, state-owned enterprises and corporate environments, including senior Head and Group-level roles at Sanlam, Engen, PRASA, the Western Cape Government and the City of Ekurhuleni. He has led complex facilities transformation programmes, engineered integrated SFM operating models and implemented governance frameworks that reposition property portfolios as strategic business assets. He has also advised and shaped SFM strategies for some of the 5 largest FM companies in South Africa, with exposure to regional portfolios across the SADC region.

He holds an MSc in the Built Environment (Facilities Management) and a BTech in Civil Engineering. He is currently a PhD candidate in Construction Economics and Management at the University of Cape Town (UCT), where his research explores the role of Strategic Facilities Management in advancing the Social (“S”) dimension of ESG in corporate South Africa, positioning FM as a driver of performance, resilience and sustainable value creation.

Tshili serves as a non-executive Board Member of ERWAT and as a member of Scientia Holdings’ ESG and Sustainability Committee. He is passionate about building structures and infrastructure - and ensuring their functionality enables people and organisations to perform at their best.



Emeritus Professor François Viruly is a property economist and academic with over thirty years’ experience analysing the South African property market.

Professor Viruly is a fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

Professor Viruly retired from the University of Cape Town in 2025, where he lectured in Property Economics, Property Development, and Portfolio Management in the Department of Construction Economics and Management. He was a founding member of the UCT Urban Real Estate Research Unit.

He is currently the Director of Viruly Consulting (Pty) Ltd, which provides real estate research, strategic advisory services, and property training to private and public entities across Africa. He is also the Chief Economist at Data Zone.

Professor Viruly began his career in the Economics Department at Wits University. He served as the Chamber of Mines' Chief Economist. He was Head of Research at JHI Professional Services and Acting Head of the School of Construction Economics and Management at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. He was President of the International Real Estate Society (2021-2022) and served as President and Executive Director of the African Real Estate Society. He is a founding member of the Centre for Public Sector Real Estate.

Professor Viruly has undertaken extensive research into the South African property cycle, the short- and long-term drivers of the South African property market, and the relationship between urban economics and property markets in Sub-Saharan Africa. He has launched programmes that support property entrepreneurship in South Africa.

Registration

Registration and Cancellation

- [Register for this course](#)
- Registration covers attendance of all sessions of the course, and course material.
- Registrations close on 4 May 2026. Confirmation of acceptance will be sent on receipt of a registration form.
- **Cancellations must be received 7 days before the start of a course, or the full course fee will be charged.**
- For more information on application and registration procedures, please visit our website: www.cpd.uct.ac.za

Certificates and CPD Points

The course is an approved University of Cape Town short course, and it is accredited with the Engineering Council of South Africa for the award for CPD points.

A digital certificate of participation will be awarded to participants who attend at least 80% of the live sessions and complete each module. For further information on digital certificates please visit [Digital Certificates at UCT](#)

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