

BENEFITS OF SABOA ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Some of the benefits of membership are, inter alia, the following:

- Representing the interests of members at all levels of government as well as any other organisation involved in the industry;
- Commenting on policy, position papers and draft legislation e.g., the White Paper on National Transport Policy etc.;
- Information dissemination to members;
- Interaction with members through advice, information sharing, meetings, workshops, bus indabas, visits etc.;
- Organising the annual conference and exhibition during which debates take place about issues in the industry;
- Leading delegations to government on issues in the industry e.g., the Minister of Transport, MEC's for Transport, National and Provincial Portfolio Committees on Transport, National Treasury etc.;
- Correspondence with members through the monthly newsletter, Saboa Talk.
- Various committees that meet on a regular basis to deal with specific issues e.g., Technical Committee, Operations Committee, Coach Consultative Forum etc. The Technical Committee has had several achievements over the years of which the following are the main achievements:
 - Roll-over protection for buses and coaches;
 - Introduction, in a phase approach, of reflective tape for buses and coaches;
 - Roof racks being phased out;
 - Standardised emergency escape mechanisms in buses and coaches;
 - Seat anchorage design has been improved in buses and coaches;
 - Fulfilling a "watchdog" function on behalf of the industry in relation to bus and coach design, road traffic regulation amendments and safety issues.
- Training for SMME members in conjunction with TETA;
- Provincial strategic planning workshops to identify issues experienced by members;
- We also have active Branch Provincial Executive Committee (PEC) Structures in all provinces to give more direct physical access to meeting of SABOA membership;

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- Access and positioning (if required) to promotion of Associate Members through the collaboration and presentations at Transport Forum on line events;
- Access to wider Industry sectors via collaboration and SABOA agreements with other Associations:
 - 1. SANSBOC South African National Small Bus Operating Committee
 - 2. CBBASA Cross Border Bus Association of South Africa
 - 3. CBOA Cross Border Operators Association
 - 4. SANWIT South African National Women in Transport
 - 5. TWIT Tshwane Women In Transport
- Access to promoting your brand via SABOA platforms:
 - 1. Website
 - 2. Twitter
 - 3. Facebook
 - 4. Instagram
 - 5. Whats App
 - 6. Linked In
- Tabling of Issues from an Industry sector cover, including for Supply chain and service providers to the industry, via:
 - 1. National Transport Task Team NDoT
 - 2. Rapid Response Transport Task Team NEDLAC FORUM
 - 3. Municipal Integrated Public Transport Committees (ITP's)
- Access to Industry Surveys and Academic Research covering the extended industry issues;
- Representation on SABOA National Council for the Associate Members via the elected representatives from the Associate Members Forum;
- Regular scheduled Associate Forum Meetings created as the platform for Associate Members to discuss and share views on the common and specific issues relating to the industry and sub sectors;
- Access to communicate to all tiers of Government and including allied departments such as Tourism / Labour / Finance / Treasury and Portfolio Committees;