

# Ms Mukovhe Confidence Tshilande

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Confidence is an ambitious and dynamic geotechnical engineer, motivational speaker, preacher and mentor, born and raised in Dzimauli, Limpopo Province. She holds Master of Geotechnical Engineering Degree from the University of Cape Town (2018) and Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) from the University of Johannesburg (UJ) (2013). She is a candidate engineer with the Engineering Council of South Africa and an Associate member of South African institute of Civil Engineer (SAICE) and The International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering.

She works at Aurecon, where she has gained a wide range of experience in geotechnical designs and project management on projects across South Africa, Malaysia, Gabon, Nigeria, Cameroon, Malawi, Australia, etc.

She serves on the SAICE Geotechnical Division committee (Marketing and Publications Manager) and is also part of the 2019 African Young Geotechnical Engineers Conference committee, where she will also be publishing and presenting Conference Paper. She is currently mentoring young peers at university and graduate levels. She has served as Chairperson for Aurecon's Limelight (young professionals' forum), UJ Society for Women in Engineering and Technology (Vice-Chairperson) and UJ Community Engagement volunteer. She was a delegate of SA Young Geotechnical Engineers Conference (published a paper), UJ Civil Brazil Excursion, SA Women in Engineering Conference (and campus ambassador) and was a UNESCO Engineer Your Earth (Finalist). She has been invited as a motivational speaker at SAICE Women's Day event, UJ societies, TAUNGANA Expo, schools, etc.

Confidence has a passion for community building, education, innovation and mentorship. *"My mission is to use all my God-given opportunities to change our world into a better one. My goal in life is to live a life that positively influences the current and upcoming generations to be anything they want to be. My greatest achievement is my ability to serve people and impact lives"*. She is creative, innovative, organized and always willing to challenge the status quo.