



**NOTES OF DISCUSSION DURING ASOCSA INDUSTRY BREAKFAST FORUM  
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1. Difference between the 'majors' and the rest of the industry as they actually 'train for the industry' (MP)
2. The NQF has not been communicated (MP)
3. The DoE needs to speak to the industry (TH)
4. What 'matches what' – what do these qualifications equate to? (MP)
5. Graduates have unrealistic expectations (MP and MvK)
6. Entrance requirements – are they adequate?
7. Experiential input – concerns with respect to the current positioning relative to the ND programme (TH)
8. Practical (trades) work is important (MP)
9. Closure of BIFSA Colleges dealt a death knell to practical work in the first and second year of the then UPE BSc programme (JS);
10. Pilot NMMU BSc structured vacation work work programme with WBHO was a success (JS);
11. Certain 'majors' have reverted back to the past in terms of training of engineers and construction managers (MP)
12. Negative communication from CPUT (AF)
13. What is the throughput rate? (DM)
14. We are starting to re-think (DM)
15. Some graduates cannot cope (DJ)
16. Smaller organization exposure is more comprehensive (DB)
17. A 'mix' is important – graduates must present a basket of skills (MP)
18. Some of the subjects are questionable! (MP)
19. A common final project that integrates the various disciplines is essential (MP)
20. Consolidated programmes i.e. CM / QS do not develop a CM identity (DM);
21. There are a lack of options i.e. to specialise in final year (MP)
22. Industry salaries are being raised due to a shortage of graduates (DM)
23. Courses should be standardised (DM)
24. Academia should listen to industry (DM)
25. NMMU BSc (Honours) year is not well subscribed to due to 'high' salary offers at the end of the industry year of work (JS)
26. Do the Universities of Technology have a say? (AF)
27. Escalation of salaries in industry have resulted in industry salaries exceeding tertiary salaries (DM)
28. Minimum qualifications for academics may be contributing to the shortage of academics
29. We are undertaking our own training (DM)
30. *Journal of Construction* (TH):
  - 27.1 Industry needs to communicate technical paper topics
31. Up to the employer (MP)
32. Next meeting? We must not allow months to pass before the next meeting (DM)