

Mr Zannoni is a Registered Professional Engineer and Chartered Engineer working for Knight Piesold Southern Africa (KPSA) as Section Manager: Geotechnical. KPSA is a worldwide consulting engineering firm with more than 100 years' presence in Africa, providing engineering services to the public and private sectors. He has worked in the geosynthetic industry for more than ten years in technical roles, business management and project management, working in many African countries including South Africa, Ghana, Egypt, Mozambique and Tanzania.



Mr Zannoni served as President of the South African IGS Chapter (GIGSA) from 2014 to 2018. He is the current Chair of the South Africa Bureau of Standards (SABS) Committee in Geosynthetics TC 81E and member of ISO TC 221: Geosynthetics representing South Africa. He is also on the technical review panel for the South African Institute of Civil Engineers (SAICE) and regularly helps to deliver geotechnical modules in universities across South Africa. He was recognised with the IGS Young Member Service Award in 2014.

Mr Zannoni's dedication to IGS globally began over ten years ago as a Council member, and Chair of the African Regional Committee, becoming part of the team that successfully delivered GeoAfrica 2013 in Ghana. He has taken part in numerous IGS ambassadors' programmes in Mozambique, Morocco and Egypt, leading to the establishment of two new IGS Chapters. Mr Zannoni is the current IGS Secretary General and has contributed to initiatives such as the appointment of the Executive Director and new guidelines for the International Conference on Geosynthetics. As Chair of the Council's Recognitions Task Force, he has driven the introduction of new IGS "named lectures", which will further raise the international profile of IGS members' contributions.

Mr Zannoni's vision is for geosynthetics to become a pivotal technology in infrastructure-related industry as their resiliency compared to natural materials delivers more reliable environmental protection through sustainable solutions. The IGS can become the flywheel and the apex of this increasingly complex industry, consolidating many years of technological advancement and providing a solid framework rooted in technical know-how. As Vice President, Mr Zannoni would strive to ensure that geosynthetics are adopted worldwide; referenced by end-users, governments and engineering practitioners, all recognising the sustainability benefits they bring.