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- **The Grassland Society of Southern Africa**

The first issue of 2021 of Grassroots, the newsletter of the Grassland Society of Southern Africa ([GSSA](#)) has been published. Subscription is free. To read this issue of Grassroots, [click here](#).

- **The South African Academy of Engineering**

The South African Academy of Engineering ([SAAE](#)) has to date produced a series of four Advisory Notes on crucial issues to inform and support the decisions of all tiers of Government. The first of these Notes, which deals with the challenge of securing reliable supplies from the large systems that sustain our economy's water security – and thus the lives and livelihoods of all South Africans was sent to President Ramaphosa in May 2020. It highlights the strategic priorities and identifies opportunities for social partnership that will help to complement Government's limited human and financial resources. Advisory Note 4, dealing with the reasons why hydrological information is important, has been produced. [Read the full note](#).

- **Institute of Information Technology Professionals**

The Institute for Information Technology Professionals South Africa ([IITPSA](#)) is acknowledged as the preferred professional body for ICT professionals seeking critical skills visas to work in South Africa, as highlighted in the latest draft of the South African Critical Skills List issued by the Department of Home Affairs. [Read more](#) (engineerit.co.za). IITPSA has also released the list of [finalists for the 2020 IITPSA President's Awards](#) (itweb.co.za). The 2020 awards, which were delayed by the COVID-19 lockdown and are themed "Excellence in Adversity", recognise IT professionals who excelled during a particularly challenging year.