



proSET (Professionals in science, engineering and technology) is a sector of the NSTF representing about 40 professional and learned societies. This section shares news about members and introduce new [members](#) of the [proSET sector](#). **Note that this page will be updated on the new NSTF website to be launched soon. In the meantime see [Current NSTF Members | NSTF](#).*

- **proSET General Meeting**

Invitations have been sent to the member representatives of [proSET](#) member organisations to a General Meeting (GM) to update the proSET membership on the activities carried out on behalf of them, and to elect new members to the Committee. NSTF-proSET members are led by a sub-committee of the NSTF, called the proSET Committee. The Committee has decided to call a GM because the members have not met for a long time, and there are positions on the Committee to be filled. The GM will be held online on 25 October 2021, from 9:00 to 10:30. Please attend if you belong to a professional society in SET that is a member of the NSTF. There is strength in numbers!

After [registration](#), member representatives will receive an automated response to confirm subscription. Thereafter they will be directed to a web page providing the link to the Zoom event.

The proSET GM will be followed by the annual NSTF-proSET Discussion Forum, on the topic [“Loadshedding and power cuts – what is really going on?”](#) on 25-26 October 2021.

- **CESA’s Infrastructure Indaba: Role of engineers will be critical for recovery process**

[Consulting Engineers South Africa’s](#) (CESA) annual Infrastructure Indaba was held for the first time as a virtual event, on 28 September 2021. The theme was “Engineering the future now”. The online platform presented networking opportunities and discussions which were highly engaging in the midst of South Africa’s turbulent construction landscape. CESA President, Sugan Pillay, opened the event by discussing South Africa’s Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan. “This plan has created some much-needed optimism in the country, and I must highlight the important role of consulting engineers in this plan,” said Pillay. “However, while the role of engineers will be critical in the recovery process, it is also important to note all the role players and stakeholders across the entire construction value chain who will be invaluable in the rebuilding process.” [Read more](#).

- **CESA’s Protecting Lives and Livelihoods Campaign wins international award**

CESA was crowned winners in the Strategic Programme category at the 2021 [International Federation of Consulting Engineers](#) (FIDIC) Member Association Excellence Awards for its ‘Protecting Lives and Livelihoods’ campaign. FIDIC currently has 102 Member Associations which represent over one million engineering professionals and 40 000 firms globally.

- **SANBI collaborates in project to track change in the protected area estate**

The Accounts for Protected Areas, 1900 to 2020, were published on 4 October 2021 by [Statistics South Africa](#) (Stats SA), in collaboration with the [South African National Biodiversity Institute](#) (SANBI) and the [Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment](#) (DFFE), as the second publication in Stats SA’s Natural Capital series. Just over 9% of South Africa’s mainland surface area is protected,

mostly by Nature Reserves and National Parks. Over the past 15 years, Protected Environments have made a growing contribution to the protected area estate. [Read more](#).

- **ECSA consults voluntary associations on the identification of engineering work**

On 26 August 2021, the [Engineering Council of South Africa](#) (ECSA) hosted its first industry consultation on the Identification of Engineering Work (IDoEW). The session was attended by government representatives as well members from voluntary associations. [Read more](#).

- **IAIAsa Young Professional Membership Category now available**

Young Professional Membership of the [International Association for Impact Assessment South Africa](#) (IAIAsa) is now available to persons 35 years and younger at the time of application and who are within two years of having graduated in the field of integrated environmental management (IEM) or fields directly related thereto. [Read more](#).

- **2021 JCSE-IITPSA ICT Skills Survey**

The COVID-19 pandemic brought with it some unexpected benefits for the South African ICT sector, including increased productivity and the potential for employers to reduce their operating costs. This is one of the findings in the first South African ICT Skills Survey to be carried out since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic by Wits University's [Joburg Centre for Software Engineering](#) (JCSE) in partnership with the [Institute of Information Technology Professionals South Africa](#) (IITPSA). Read more and access the full report [here](#).

- **Nominate candidates for the 2021 IITPSA President's Awards**

Nominations are now open for the IITPSA 2021 President's Awards, the annual accolades for the IT industry's leading chief information officers (CIOs), personalities and organisations. Nominees do not have to be members of the IITPSA. The closing date for nominations will be advised at a later date. The awards will be presented during the first quarter of 2022. To nominate deserving candidates, click [here](#).