



proSET General Meeting 17 September 2024: 09:00-10:15

Zoom event

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09:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Welcome, apologies, and purpose of the General Meeting2. Members introduce themselves: the proSET Committee and Co-Chair (see table below)3. Welcome of new Minister and Dep Minister of STI and appreciation of DSI and HSRC support	Mr David (Dawie) Botha, proSET Co-Chairperson (Engineers)
09:15	<ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Approval of and matters arising from the minutes of the 2023 General Meeting	Prof Bertus Smith proSET Co-Chairperson (Scientists)
09:20	<ol style="list-style-type: none">5. proSET Financial Matters	Ms Jansie Niehaus, NSTF Executive Director, as head of the proSET Secretariat
09:35	<ol style="list-style-type: none">6. proSET Membership	Jansie Niehaus
09:45	<ol style="list-style-type: none">7. Reports on proSET projects:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• STEMulator• proSET Member Booklet	Mr Richard Gundersen, STEMulator; and Dawie Botha, Member Booklet
09:55	<ol style="list-style-type: none">8. Suggestions for proSET Discussion Forum in 2025	Prof Khathutshelo Nephawe

10:00	<p>9. NSTF Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 2023/2024 NSTF-South32 Awards: 11 July 2024 ➤ 2024 NSTF Discussion Forums: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Annual Energy Discussion Forum: 24-25 April ▪ Current Challenges to Research, Development, and Innovation Systems in South Africa 13-14 August ▪ STEM Education (proSET discussion forum): 17-18 September ▪ 4IR in SA: 16-17 October ▪ Exhibition and panel discussion: Science forum South Africa (SFSA): 4-6 December, CSIR ICC, Pretoria ▪ Indigenous Knowledge Summit: February 2025 ▪ South African Public Relationship with Science Conference (DSI): March 2025 ▪ ISPIM Conference: March 2025 ➤ 2024/2025 NSTF-South32 Awards: Call for nominations ➤ 2024/2025 Theme: International year of Quantum Science and Technology 	Jansie Niehaus
10:15	10. General and closure of the meeting	Prof Bertus Smith

proSET (Professionals in Science, Engineering and Technology), a sector of the NSTF representing 48 professional societies

- Facilitates cooperation among professional organisations regarding SET and education
- Facilitates and contributes to improved SET education
- Promotes the image of all SET practitioners

proSET Committee Members

Mr David (Dawie) Botha, South African Academy of Engineering (SAAE) – representing **Engineering** – Co-Chairperson of the Committee, represents proSET on the [NSTF Executive Committee \(Exco\)](#); and Director: STEMulator NPC

Prof Bertus Smith, Geological Society of South Africa (GSSA) – representing **Science** – Co-Chairperson of the Committee, and represents proSET on the NSTF Exco

Mr Johan Maartens, Society for Automation, Instrumentation, Mechatronics and Computer engineering (SAIMC) – representing **Engineering**, alternate to Mr Dawie Botha on the NSTF Exco

Prof Tobias Barnard, Water Institute of Southern Africa (WISA) – representing **Science**

Prof Khathutshelo Nephawe, South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP) – representing **Science**

Prof Bertus Smith, Geological Society of South Africa (GSSA) – representing **Science**

Mr Tony Parry, Institute of Information Technology Professionals of South Africa (IITPSA) – representing **Technology**, alternate to Prof Smith on the NSTF Exco

Prof Eunice Nyamupangedengu, Southern African Association for Research of Mathematics, Science, Technology and Education (SAARMSTE) – representing **Education**

Prof Helen Drummond, North-West University (NWU)- representing **Education**

Mr Richard Gundersen, representing **Engineering** – Director and Project Leader: STEMulator NPC

Dr Christiaan Oosthuizen, Society for Automation, Instrumentation, Measurement and Computer engineering (SAIMC), representing **Engineering**

Dr Gerda Botha, South African Association for Food Science & Technology (SAAFoST) – Alternate representative for STEMulator; and Director: STEMulator NPC

Ms Jansie Niehaus, Executive Director, *ex officio*

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