



proSET General Meeting

18 September 2026: 09:00-10:35

Zoom event

AGENDA

09:00	1. Welcome, apologies, and purpose of the General Meeting 2. Announce changes to the proSET Committee 3. Introduction of proSET Committee members and Co-Chair (see table below)	Mr Johan Maartens, proSET Co-Chairperson (Engineers)
09:15	4. Approval of and matters arising from the minutes of the 2025 General Meeting	Johan Maartens
09:20	5. proSET Financial Matters	Ms Jansie Niehaus, NSTF Executive Director as head of the proSET Secretariat
	6. proSET Committee Strategy Workshop: 19 March 2026	Jansie Niehaus
	7. Terms of Reference (ToR) of proSET Committee	Jansie Niehaus
09:35	8. proSET Membership : Report <u>New members since the 2025 General Meeting:</u> • South African Institute of Marine Engineers and Naval Architects (SAIMENA) • South African Medical Association (SAMA) • Southern African Society for Human Genetics (SASHG)	Prof Tobias Barnard, proSET Co-Chair Alternate (Scientists)
09:45	9. proSET Discussion Forum: Artificial intelligence (AI) in STEM education , 18-19 August 2026	Jansie Niehaus
10:00	10. Reports on proSET projects: • STEMulator.org • proSET Member Booklet (updated September 2026)	STEMulator: Mr Richard Gundersen and STEMulator team, Booklet: Jansie Niehaus
10:15	11. Suggestions for proSET Discussion Forum in 2027	Mr Johan Maartens

10:20	12. Other NSTF Projects – Discussion Forums, Awards and Youth: <u>Discussion forums/conferences:</u> • Indigenous Knowledge (IK)-Based Technology Innovation Investment Summit, 2-4 June 2026 • Research software as an enabler and research output, 7-8 October 2026 • Healthy ageing, 11-12 November 2026 Exhibition and panel sessions during Science Forum South Africa (SFSA), 25-28 November 2026, CSIR ICC, Pretoria <u>NSTF-South32 Awards:</u> • Outcomes of the 2026 Awards • Call for nominations for the 2027 Awards; 2027 Theme <u>Youth:</u> Recognition and outreach <u>NSTF eNews</u> <u>NSTF AGM</u>, 6 November 2026	Jansie Niehaus
10:35	13. General and closure of the meeting	Johan Maartens

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- 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 Johan Maartens , Society for Automation, Instrumentation, Mechatronics and Computer Engineering (SAIMC) – representing Engineering , Co-Chairperson of the Committee, and 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 Tony Parry , Institute of Information Technology Professionals of South Africa (IITPSA) – representing Technology , alternate to Mr Maartens on the NSTF Exco	
Mr Kelvin Nhlapo , IITPSA – representing Technology	
Prof Tobias Barnard , Water Institute of Southern Africa (WISA) – representing Science , alternate to Prof Smith on the NSTF Exco	
Dr Sipokazi Mabuwa , University of South Africa (UNISA)– representing Engineering	
Dr Christiaan Oosthuizen , SAIMC, representing Engineering	
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 , Director and Project Leader: STEMulator NPC	

Dr Gerda Botha, Alternate representative for STEMulator; and Director: STEMulator NPC

Ms Jansie Niehaus, Executive Director, *ex officio*

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