



proSET (Professionals in science, engineering and technology) is a sector of the NSTF currently representing at least **52 professional and learned societies**. This section shares news about [current members](#) and introduces new members of the [proSET sector](#). Know who the proSET members are and find out more about who to network with in the '[SET Professionals Who's Who](#)' booklet.

- **Redefining mine ventilation – MVSSA 2026:** RACA Journal was on the ground at the [Mine Ventilation Society of Southern Africa \(MVSSA\)](#) 2026 conference, where it was clear from the outset that mine ventilation is no longer just a technical support discipline in the background. [Read more.](#)
- **Meet the engineers shaping South Africa's (SA's) infrastructure future:** At its 2026 National Awards, the [South African Institution of Civil Engineering \(SAICE\)](#) put the spotlight on the people driving excellence across the profession as infrastructure returns to the centre of the country's economic growth, service delivery and job-creation agenda. [Read more.](#)
- **SA university students excel in national and international mathematics competitions:** South African university students have delivered strong performances both at home and on the international stage, with [SAMF](#) announcing the top performers in the 2026 Standard Bank South African Tertiary Mathematics Olympiad (SATMO). A total of 460 students from 20 tertiary institutions participated in the 2026 SATMO on 15 August, at universities across the country. [Read more.](#)
- **GEPF funding will support mathematics teacher development:** The Government Employees Pension Fund (GEPF) formally handed over funding to the [South African Mathematics Foundation \(SAMF\)](#) during an event held at the NRF-SASTA offices in Pretoria on 1 September 2026. The event was attended by representatives of the GEPF and SAMF, including Mr Musa Mabesa, the GEPF's principal executive officer and Prof Seithuti Moshokoa, SAMF's executive director. [Read more.](#)
- **South African scientists could face year in prison unless registered with national standards body, under proposed law:** A South African government proposal would make it compulsory for practising scientists to register with the country's scientific council, or face up to a year in prison. However, many scientists are not currently registered and are unaware of the proposed legislation. The [South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions \(SACNASP\)](#), which was set up in 2003, requires practising natural scientists to register with the council. [Read more.](#)
- **Young engineers chart solutions for SA infrastructure challenges at Imbizo:** SA needs to rethink how it approaches infrastructure delivery if it is to achieve better public value, stronger economic outcomes and more resilient infrastructure, according to Inba Thumbiran, Head of Supply Chain Management at the National Research Foundation (NRF). Speaking at the 14<sup>th</sup> [Consulting Engineers SA's \(CESA\)](#) Young Professionals Sustainability Imbizo, recently held in Midrand, Thumbiran challenged young professionals and the wider engineering community to move beyond established ways of working. [Read more.](#)