



NSTF Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2026

06 November 2026, 10:00-12:00 on Zoom

AGM AGENDA		
10:00-10:15	1. Welcome and introductions - Apologies - Forming a quorum - Adoption of the agenda	NSTF Chairperson, Prof Nnenesi Kgabi
	2. Confirmation of the minutes of the AGM of 07 November 2025 and matters arising	
10:15-11:15	3. Financial matters: - Audit for financial year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 - Appointment of auditors for financial year 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027	Ms Jansie Niehaus
	4. Launch of the 2025/2026 NSTF Annual Report and Executive Director's report on activities Discussion Forums NSTF-South32 Awards - Youth – NSTF Briliants Programme, Share 'n Dare Youth Outreach Bursaries and careers, including career talk videos Newsletters and opinion pieces Media and public communications - NSTF Bursary Fund	
	5. Membership database, a map of the National System of Innovation (NSI) - The membership across six sectors - Resignations - New memberships since the 2025 AGM to date - Recruitment drive	

	6. NSTF-South32 Awards 2025/2026 • Call for nominations: 2027 Awards • 2027 Awards Adjudication Panel members (nominations per sector)	
	7. Topics and Themes: • Theme for 2027 – United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration • Call for suggestions of topics and speakers for discussion forums	
11:15-11:40	8. proSET (Professionals in science, engineering and technology, a sector of the NSTF representing over 50 professional and learned societies) • proSET Committee and new members • proSET General Meeting of 18 September 2026 • proSET Discussion Forum: report on Artificial intelligence (AI) in STEM education – 18-19 August 2026 • proSET member booklet • STEMulator.org: Progress report	Mr Johan Maartens & Prof Bertus Smith: proSET co-chairs; Mr Richard Gundersen (STEMulator Director)
11:40-11:55	9. Science Councils and Statutory Bodies sector • Committee meetings and members • Science Councils discussion forum: Research software as enabler and research output, 7-8 October 2026	Prof Norman Maiwashe
11:55-12:00	10. General and closure of AGM • Healthy Ageing discussion forum, 11-12 November 2026 • Science Forum SA (SFSA) 2026, 2-4 December 2026 – Exhibition and panel session: Translating Science into Solutions for Social Justice • Upcoming events in 2027 with the Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (DST&I) ○ Indigenous Knowledge (IK) Summit – February/March 2027 ○ Public Relationship with Science Conference: Follow up workshop: African languages and the public relationship with science – March 2027 • Close of the AGM	Ms Niehaus Prof Kgabi

NSTF on Social Media: #NSTFagm2026

- LinkedIn: [National Science and Technology Forum \(NSTF\)](#)
- Facebook: [@NSTFSA](#)
- X: [@NSTF_SA](#)
- Instagram: [@nstf_sa](#)
- YouTube: [National Science and Technology Forum \(NSTF\)](#)
- TikTok: [nstf_sa](#)

2026 NSTF Executive Committee Members & Directors	
Prof Nnenesi Kgabi (North-West University (NWU)) NSTF Chairperson and Director of NPC	Dr Mpho Lekgoathi (Nuclear Energy Corporation of SA (NECSA)) NSTF Vice-Chairperson and Director of NPC
Ms Jansie Niehaus NSTF Executive Director and Director of NPC	Ms Wilna Eksteen NSTF Chief Operations Officer
Ms Fhumulani Ratshitanga (FruitSA) Business Sector – Main representative	Ms Deidre Penfold (Chemical and Allied Industries Association (CAIA)) and Mr Christian Teffo (Minerals Council SA) Business Sector – Alternates
Mr Sibusiso Mjwara (PrTechEng and Institute of Municipal Engineering of Southern Africa (IMESA) & Umgeni Water) Civil Society – Main representative	Prof Marissa Rollnick (Wits Emeritus Professor and South African Association for Research in Mathematics, Science and Technology Education (SAARMSTE)) Civil Society Sector – Alternate
Dr Mlungisi Cele (Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (DST&I)) Government – Main representative	Ms Gugulethu Zwane (DST&I) and Mr David Mmakola (DST&I) Government – Alternates
Mr Sibongiseni Ndimande (Department of Agriculture) Additional Member: Government Sector – Main representative	Ms Patience Mphumbude (Department of Agriculture) Additional Member: Government Sector – Alternate
Prof Albert Modi (iYunivesithi Walter Sisulu (iWS)) Higher Education Sector – Main representative	Dr Priscilla Mensah (Nelson Mandela University (NMU)) Higher Education Sector - Alternate
TBC	Ms Nozipho Maome (NACI) Additional Member: Government Sector – Alternate
Mr Johan Maartens (Society for Automation, Mechatronics, Instrumentation and Computer Engineering (SAIMC)) Professional Bodies and Learned Societies sector (proSET) Co-chair – Main representative, representing engineering	Mr Tony Parry proSET – Alternate, representing technology

Prof Tobias Barnard (Water Institute of Southern Africa (WISA)) proSET – Main representative, representing science	Prof Bertus Smith (Geological Society of South Africa (GSSA)) proSET – Co-chair and Alternate, representing science
Dr Babatyi Innocentia Malope-Kgokong (National Health Laboratory Service (NHLS)) Science Councils and Statutory Bodies Sector – Main representative	Prof Norman Maiwashe (Agricultural Research Council (ARC)) Science Councils and Statutory Bodies Sector – Alternate
Dr Mpho Lekgoathi (Nuclear Energy Corporation of South African (NECSA)) State-Owned Enterprises Sector – Main representative	Ms Rebaone Mokate (NECSA) State-Owned Enterprises Sector – Alternate
Prof Gillian Drennan (University of the Witwatersrand (Wits)) Chairperson of the NSTF Adjudication Panel	Prof Ali Dhansay Past Chairperson and Director of the NSTF NPC
Prof Jeffrey Mphahlele (North-West University (NWU)) Immediate Past Chairperson and Director of NPC	