

The Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf)
and the Department of Science and Technology (DST)
cordially invite you to another Stakeholders Awareness workshop in the

INNOVATION FOR INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT (IID) SEMINAR SERIES

on

THE 2019 WHITE PAPER ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

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- Date:** 27 June 2019
- Time:** 8:00 for 8:30 – 14:00
Refreshments will be served afterwards
- Venue:** Future Africa Conference Centre, University of Pretoria, Gauteng
- RSVP:** [Click here](#) to register by 12:00 on Monday, 24 June 2019
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BACKGROUND

The White Paper on Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) was approved by Cabinet in 2019. The White Paper sets a long-term policy direction for the South African Government to ensure the growing role for the STI, which is aligned to developmental challenges of the country. The paper is based on the extensive review of the National System of Innovation (NSI) and focuses on using STI to accelerate inclusive economic growth and to assist South Africa to benefit from global development such as rapid technological advancements, geo-political and demographic shifts. The new White Paper seeks to ensure that South Africa benefits from the potential of STI to advance the objectives of the National Development Plan (NDP).

Chapter 3 of the White Paper focuses on a coherent and inclusive NSI, which seeks to intensify the interactions and partnerships from different actors across society within the NSI and thus enhancing coherence amongst agendas of NSI actors. Since the White Paper is not an implementation strategy, the policy actions proposed in the White Paper will be implemented in terms of the decadal plan which will be informed by the technology foresight studies in consultation with implementation partners. The decadal plan will pay particular attention to technology focus areas, programmes to be implemented, institutional arrangements and funding required for the programmes. The decadal plan will also be informed by the analysis and foresight of government priority outcomes in the NDP and the Medium-Term Strategic Framework.

It is against this background that the Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf), in partnership with the Department of Science and Technology, is hosting a stakeholder awareness workshop on “The 2019 White Paper on Science, Technology and Innovation”. The workshop will seek to share with stakeholders the policy intents and actions of the 2019 White Paper on STI with stakeholders, including business, government, public research institutions, higher education institutions and civil society, among others. In view of your interests and expertise, you are cordially invited to participate as a guest stakeholder. We would be greatly pleased if you would accept this invitation to participate. If you have any queries about this workshop, please contact Dr Tebogo Mabothe at tebogo@assaf.org.za.