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SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL SPACE AGENCY

CALL FOR NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL SPACE AGENCY BOARD

The Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation (the Minister) hereby invites interested parties to nominate candidates to be considered for appointment to the Board of the South African National Space Agency (SANSA), which is being reconstituted in terms of the SANSA Act, 2008 (Act No. 36 of 2008).

SANSA was created to –
(a) promote the peaceful use of space;
(b) support the creation of an environment conducive to industrial development in space technology;
(c) foster research in space science, communications, navigation and space physics;
(d) advance scientific, engineering and technological competencies and capabilities through human capacity development outreach programmes and infrastructure development; and
(e) foster international cooperation in space-related activities.

In terms of the Act, SANSA acts through a board consisting of a chairperson and 10 to 15 other members who are appointed by the Minister and serve on a part-time basis for a maximum of four years.

Board members, including the chairperson, must be South African citizens or permanent residents. They must have distinguished themselves in the field of space science and technology sector or possess the relevant qualifications, experience or skills in relation to some aspect of the functions of the Agency. Furthermore, the board should include at least one member with legal qualifications and another with financial expertise.

SANSA will pay a member of the board or a member of any committee of the board who is not in the full-time employment of the state such remuneration and allowances as may be determined by the Minister in consultation with the Minister of Finance.

Nominations should be submitted to the Minister by no later than **30 June 2026**. Please email nominations to **Boardappointment6@dsti.gov.za**, accompanied by a copy of the candidate's identity document and curriculum vitae, including the following information: Full names, gender, race, current designation and responsibilities, contact details (postal and email addresses, and cellphone and landline numbers), qualifications, current and past service on boards, areas of expertise, and the names and contact details of at least two referees.

Confirmation of the availability of the nominee is also required.

NB: Nominations will not be considered unless all the requirements set out above are met. Correspondence will be entered into with shortlisted candidates only.

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