



SANRAL strategy - Horizon 2030

- NDP importance of infrastructure for economic development
- SANRAL 10 strategic objectives include: -
 - #6 Utilise technology, research and innovation to advance the provision, operation and management of the national road system (meet road user needs)

TEN STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES



SANRAL Identified research focus areas

Future Transportation

Not awarded: -

Technical innovation

Transport planning

Electrical & Mechanical Legal, Communications

Economy

Public administration

Pavements

Asset management

Traffic

Road safety

Geo-technical

Structures

Drainage and hydraulics

Environment



WORKSHOPS – APRIL-MAY 2019 – SANRAL, RESEARCHERS & INDUSTRY

Future Transportation

Workshop 1

- Technical innovation
- Transport planning

Workshop 2

- Economy
- Public administration
- Pavements

Workshop 3

Asset management

Workshop 4

Traffic

Workshop 5

Road safety

Workshop 6

Geo-technical

Workshop 7

- Structures
- Drainage and hydraulics
- Environment

Research focus area steering committees

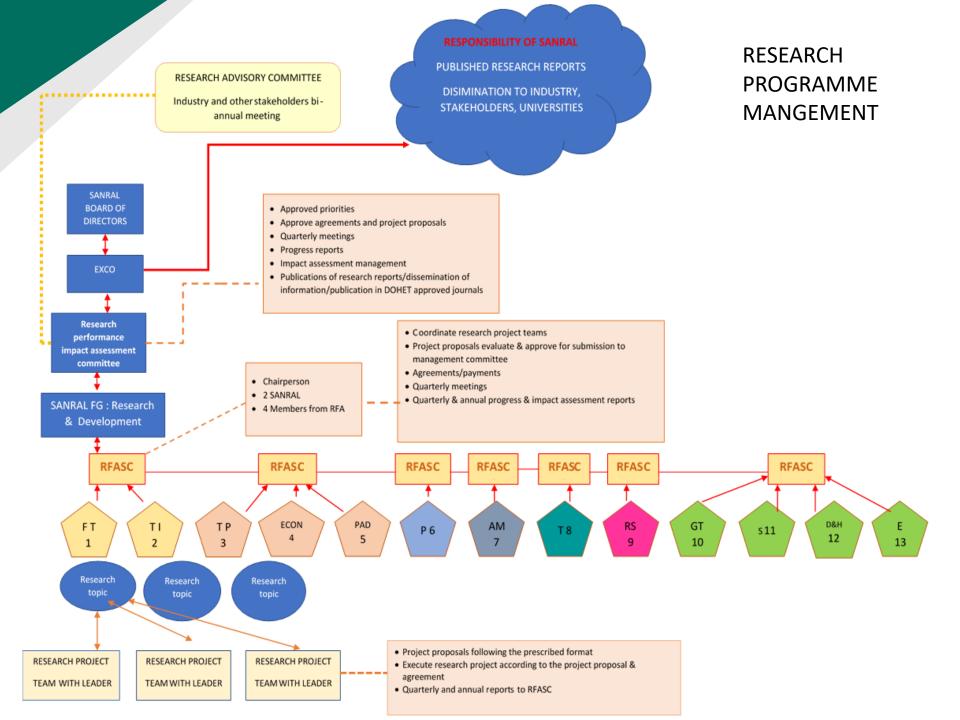
Future Transportation	RFASC 1
Technical innovation	
Transport planning	RFASC 2
Economy	
Public Admin & Management	
Pavements	RFASC 3
Asset management	RFASC 4
Traffic	RFASC 5
Road safety	RFASC 6
Geo-technical	RFASC 7

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Structures

Environment

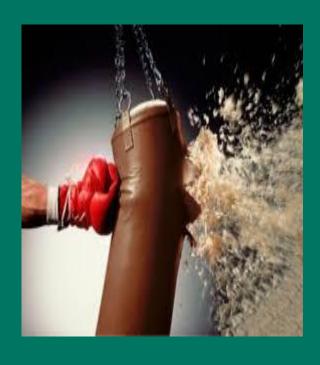
Drainage and hydraulics







Impact assessment



- Principles:
 - Plan for impact upfront
 - Research effectiveness: input/ output/ outcome/ impact
 - Cost Benefit Analysis is one element
 - Must be related to strategic objectives
 - Trend analysis rather than accuracy
 - Balance in indicators over full innovation value chain
 - Impact is almost impossible to measure directly, use proxy indicators
 - Quality of life: reduction in fatalities/ 100,000: skid resistance
 - Equality: Job creation: labour-intensive methods or small business development
 - How do indicators build up towards potential impact



<u>Input indicators: -</u>

- Number of researchers active in SANRAL research programme
- Number of SA black researchers active in SANRAL research programme
- Number of SA black research project leaders
- Number of SA female researchers active in the SANRAL research programme
- Number of active researchers with a PhD
- Frascati distribution of research funding (basic, applied, experimental development, piloting and implementation)
- The amount of funding employed for research infrastructure
- The amount of research funding spent, and
- the number and size of collaborative partnerships



Output indicators: -

- Number of publication equivalents (DoHET formula)
- Number of new technology/ knowledge packages
- Number of SANRAL endorsed national research reports
- Number of new or updated national guidelines
- Number of new Masters' degrees completed
- Number of new PhDs completed
- Quality assessment of publications (e.g. journal impact factors)



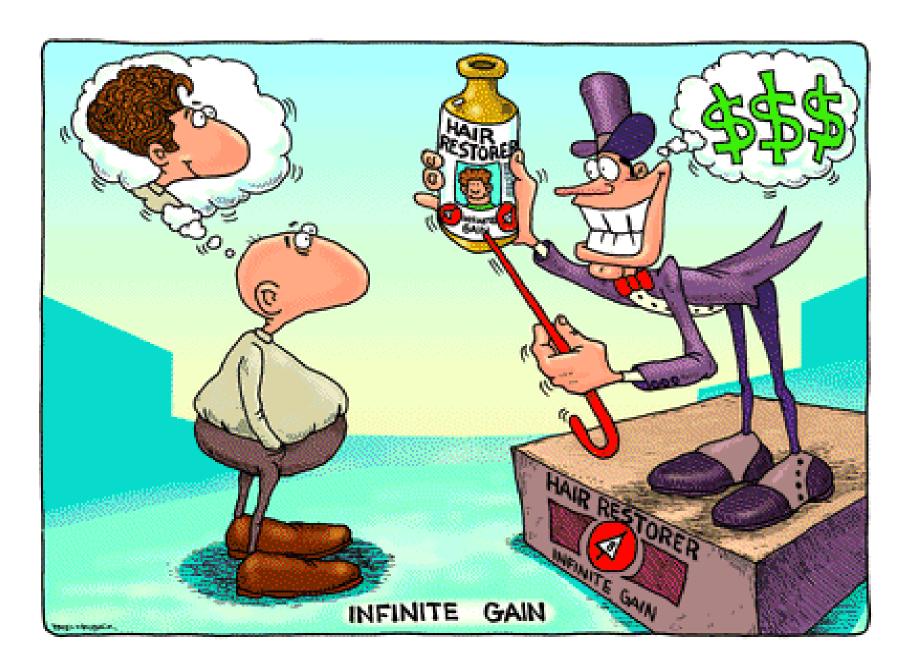
Outcomes indicators (uptake): -

- Number of technology demonstration projects where new knowledge/ technology was implemented
- Rand value of demonstration projects
- Number and size of social impact
- Number of projects where positive environmental impact is made
- Number of practitioners trained in use of new technology or knowledge package
- Cumulative cost/benefit ratio
- Public perceptions of interventions
- Effective communication measures
- Number of small contractors involved in projects emanating from research programme
- Life stories and success stories of new technologies implemented



Impact proxy indicators: -

- Number of retrospective studies to determine current impact resulting from past R&D
- Fatalities/ 100,000 trips on roads where new solutions have been implemented
- Normalised crash rates
- Rand value of indirect economic impact
- Behavioural change in road users
- Network benefits on interventions
- Traffic through flow rate at crucial bottlenecks
- CO2 levels near roads
- Energy footprint of operations
- Road safety index
- Number of job opportunities created
- Road conditions index
- Facility performance index
- User satisfaction index
- Number and nature of community involvement projects
- Cumulative Rand value of SANRAL involvement in communities
- Freight flow rates on road where new technology has been implemented (Netsafe statistics)

















Topic	Research idea	Times listed	Ranking (1-10)	Time frame (2,5, >5)
Self-Healing Asphalt	Self-healing asphalt: Addition of "components" to asphalt mixes that activate with time to enhance properties of binder and mixes when distresses occur.	1	1	Short
	Self-healing of micro-cracks triggered by engineered materials and technology - to be implemented as a non-invasive maintenance technique.	1	1	Short to Medium
	Relation of stress relaxation properties of binders and self-healing characteristics of asphalt.	1	1	Short to Medium

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Cemented Material Technology	Effect of different binders on different material types. Need for a guide to provide guidance to avoid large scale testing per project	1	3	Short
Materials Quality assurance	Statistical analysis of test data take outliers into account. Application of probability density functions for QA	1	1	Medium
Construction Quality Assurance	Application of smart technologies to enhance QA in Pavement construction. Assess available tools to continuously monitor and record batching details/info. Incorporation into COTO standard spec as part of	1	2	Short

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Numerical Modelling	Non-linear FEM on cracking of concrete.	1	1	Long
	Virtual environment to simulate performance of new material/ stabilisation technologies (decision support tool). Link INDUSTRY 4.0	1	1	Long
	Development of FEA for static and dynamic load analysis of pavement structures including APT.	1	1	Short to Medium

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Asphalt Fatigue	Refinement of fatigue testing with reasonable time limits.	1	2	Short to Medium
	Asphalt fatigue: understanding and development of fatigue models.	1	3	Medium
	Fatigue properties in relation to flexible and rut properties.	1	2	Short to Medium

Outcome of the research workshops

- 341 delegates attended the workshops
- 696 research ideas
- Post workshop activities June to end of Aug 2019
 - Clean up of ideas listed by combining duplicates - 696
 - Sort ideas under the correct research focus area
 - Determine linkages between all ideas
 - Determine priorities taking into account needs, budget and capacity of the research panel members

