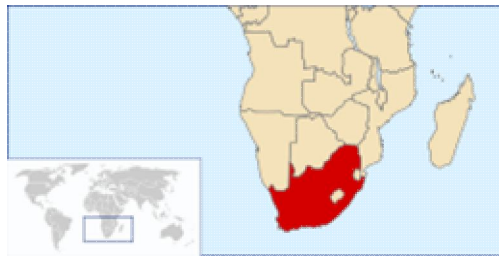


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Project Management News from South Africa
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News from PM Professional Organizations

PMSA News

The **Johannesburg branch** AGM took place on 18 May, and Angelene van der Walt was elected as the new branch president.

Services SETA issued a document called **Organizational Framework for Occupations** for public comment. See http://www.pmisa.co.za/images/ofo_skills_plan.pdf. In addition the skills and knowledge for the following Project Related Job Descriptions were also issued for public comment:

Project Team Member (http://www.pmisa.co.za/images/project_team_member.pdf)
Project Manager (http://www.pmisa.co.za/images/project_manager.pdf) and
Project Director (http://www.pmisa.co.za/images/project_manager.pdf)

Comments can be forwarded to Robert Best at bestc@icon.co.za.

PMSA, in collaboration with CSSA, launched a **Practice Community for Project Management Governance**. Elmar Roberg, past PMSA president, is leading this practice community

PMI SA Chapter News

At long last the new chapter website is up and running! And it was worth the wait. Have a look at <http://www.pmi.org.za>.

Members meetings are held monthly, and the chapter is looking for all avenues to increase membership added value.

PM Education News

SAQA (South African Qualifications Authority) have now registered **3 new qualifications** for use in the project management sector. These are:

- NQF level 5 – National Certificate in Project Management
- NQF level 5 - National Diploma in Project Management
- NQF level 4 – Further Education Certificate in Project Support Services

Also registered is a unit standard at NQF3 that is designed for use in community projects, schools and simple project situations. It is called 'Perform work using a project approach'.

PM Events

In a bid to address the economic and skills crisis, ITA in partnership with JCSE hosted a **Skills Summit** on the 19th May. Stakeholders were gathered to emphasize skills development as the key to promote employability and economic growth

On 28 May PMSA launched the **Young Project Managers Group**, calling all Project Managers under the age of 35, those who are 'young' in terms of their project management career, and those more seasoned project managers who are interested in bringing your wisdom and experience to this new Practice Community.

This community of practice aims to bring the wealth of experience to the new up and coming project managers. With the backing of PMSA (Project Management South Africa) a community based group will be formed which will encompass industry leaders that are passionate about investing in the future talent of South Africa.

For more information, visit <http://www.ypmg.co.za>

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