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## SOUTH AFRICA'S DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa empowers us as a sector and the Department of Environmental Affairs continue to endeavour for the full realisation of the right to an environment that is not harmful to the health and well-being of South Africans and all those who live in our country. As the sector and the Department, we aim to radically transform our approach to environmental protection, while also balancing it with socio- economic development – crucial pillars on which sustainable development rests. As a nation we adopted the National Development Plan, which maps out the vision of the country for the 20 years ahead. In the environment sector, we will implement related aspects of the priority areas that deal with environmental protection and sustainable development.

Also in our quest to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals, we continue to promote various initiatives that galvanise unprecedented efforts to make South Africa a better country for all who live in it. The department therefore aims to provide leadership in environmental management, utilisation, conservation and protection of ecological infrastructure.

### Mandate and core business

The Department of Environmental Affairs is mandated to give effect to the right of citizens to an environment that is not harmful to their health or wellbeing, and to have the environment protected for the benefit of present and future generations. To this end, the department provides leadership in environmental management, conservation and protection towards sustainability for the benefit of South Africans and the global community.

#### Vision

A prosperous and equitable society living in harmony with our natural resources.

#### Missior

Providing leadership in environmental management, conservation and protection towards sustainability for the benefit of South Africans and the global community.

#### Values

Driven by our Passion as custodians and ambassadors of the environment we have to be Proactive and foster innovative thinking and solutions to environmental management premised on a People-centric approach that recognises the centrality of Batho Pele, for it is when we put our people first that we will serve with Integrity, an important ingredient in a high Performance driven organisation such as ours.









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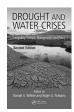
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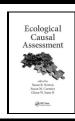
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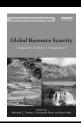


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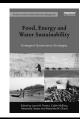
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