

SAMCODES



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The Makeup of the SSC

The SAMCODES Standards Committee (SSC) is comprised of 12 different and varied organisations, including the two patrons, the Geological Society of South Africa (GSSA) and the Southern African Institute of Mining & Metallurgy (SAIMM). In addition to these organisations, ECSA, FSCA and SACNASP have observer status on the committee. Further, the chairs of the SAMREC, SAMVAL, SAMOG and SAMESEG committees also sit on the SSC.

Organisations comprising the SSC (2026)

Council for Geoscience (CGS)

Department of Mineral Resources & Energy (DMRE)

Geological Society of South Africa (GSSA)

Geostatistical Society of South Africa (GASA)

Investment Analysts Society of South Africa (IASSA)

Institute of Mine Surveyors of South Africa (IMSSA)

JSE Limited (including the Chairs of the Readers Panels)

Law Society of South Africa (LSSA)

Mineral Council of South Africa (MINCOSA)

South African Geomatics Council (SAGC)

South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA)

Southern African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (SAIMM)

Chairpersons of all Code Committees

Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA)

Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA)

South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (SACNASP)

The wide variety of input provided by these different organisations results in a committee that is able to provide a range of expertise. Over the next few months, we will look briefly at each of these organisations with a view to understanding how they support the SSC and the SAMCODES generally.

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA (GSSA)

The GSSA, established in 1895, is one of the oldest scientific societies in Africa and plays a central role in advancing geoscientific knowledge within South Africa and beyond. The Society promotes the study and application of geology across a wide range of disciplines, including mineral exploration, engineering geology, hydrogeology, and environmental management. The GSSA's activities align closely with the country's rich geological heritage, particularly its globally significant mineral resources.

A key function of the GSSA is facilitating research dissemination through publications such as the South African Journal of Geology, a peer-reviewed journal that contributes to both local and international scientific discourse. The Society also organizes conferences, workshops, and field excursions, providing platforms for collaboration between academia, industry, and government. These events are particularly important in a country where mining and geoscience play a vital economic role.

In addition, the GSSA supports professional development by encouraging mentorship, ethical practice and continuous learning among geoscientists. It works closely with affiliated organizations, such as the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions, to uphold professional standards and registration requirements.

Overall, the Geological Society of South Africa serves as a cornerstone of the geoscience community, fostering innovation, education, and responsible resource management in a country uniquely defined by its geology.

SOUTHERN AFRICAN INSTITUTE OF MINING & METALLURGY (SAIMM)

The Southern African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (SAIMM) brings together professionals and students in the mining, metallurgical, research and education sectors under one umbrella. Founded as a learned society in 1894, the SAIMM creates links locally and internationally in pursuit of sharing knowledge and technological developments in the mining, metallurgical and related sectors. It is a member driven organisation and as such a key objective of the SAIMM is to represent and promote the interests of members.

SAIMM plays a leading role in the initiation and implementation of new ideas through, for example, convening of events around topical themes and the publication of the SAIMM Journal. The overarching objective of SAIMM is to ensure that its members remain relevant and continue to develop professionally throughout their careers. In 1980 the SAIMM launched the Brigadier Stokes Memorial Award. This annual award commemorates individuals who have made outstanding and unique contributions to the South African mining and metallurgical industry.

SAIMM actively supports the establishment and maintenance of branches across Southern Africa to satisfy the needs of local members for professional association, networking and exchange of ideas. There are currently 9 active branches, providing more easily accessible opportunities for networking, especially enabling new graduates to connect with those more experienced in their chosen field.

Previously only open to qualified engineers, the SAIMM has recently expanded its membership criteria to include graduates or professionals working in fields relevant to the minerals or associated industries, including environmental and social practitioners.