



Call for nominations Science, Engineering and Technology for Women (SET4W)

The National Advisory Council on Innovation (NACI) was created by legislation (NACI Act, No. 55 of 1997) to advise the Minister of Science and Technology on the role and contribution of science, technology and innovation in promoting and achieving national objectives. NACI bases its advice on the best available information from sources such as commissioned research and specialised committees. (For more information, visit the websites at www.naci.org.za and www.sarg.org.za).

SET4W is one of three national sub-committees established in terms of section 8(4)(a) of the NACI Act, the others being the Indicators Reference Group and the National Advisory Committee on Biotechnology. NACI also has five thematic committees for attention to identified strategic thrusts. The predecessor of SET4W was the South African Reference Group for Women in Science and Technology, established in 2003, which successfully laid the foundation for a more permanent structure. SET4W is now being institutionalised as a national sub-committee of NACI.

The role of SET4W is to advise the Minister on all gender-related business of NACI by formulating priorities and proposals, and commissioning studies, which SET4W will use in developing policy and strategic advice. Recognising that men and women have equally important contributions to make to society in science, engineering and technology (SET), SET4W has the following specific objectives:

- To advise on measures to establish engendered research agendas that improve the quality of life of women and enable women to be involved in wealth creation
- To advise on measures to encourage the SET sector to develop an engendered human resource development plan
- To determine gender-specific key performance indicators and to use these to monitor and evaluate the progress of South African research and development (R&D) institutions in achieving these objectives.

Members of SET4W serve in their personal capacity and are appointed for a four-year term of office. SET4W will convene four formal business meetings a year, and members will interact electronically between meetings as the need arises.

SET4W will have a maximum of ten and a minimum of eight members, four of whom will be NACI Councillors. Four to six additional members will therefore be elected.

Members should have an understanding of the National System of Innovation and related policies and strategies; R&D experience or exposure; as well as proven expertise in, or experience of, gender-related challenges in one or more of the following sectors: business, industry, government, science councils, higher education or non-profit public enterprises.

Nominations of suitable candidates for appointment to SET4W are hereby invited. Self-nominations are not permitted. Nominations, accompanied by a detailed and an abridged *curriculum vitae* and confirmation of the availability of the nominee, should reach the NACI Secretariat on or before Friday, 10 March 2006 at:

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