

# The NASCEE Notebook

THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FROM NON-PROFITS IN EDUCATION



It feels like we have been getting ready for an epic journey: choosing a destination; planning what to do and where to go. Now, our bags are almost packed and we are ready to depart.

On 10 September 2019, the NASCEE Board came together for a day of planning and strategising. In this newsletter, we share some of their deliberations and decisions, as well as, introduce you to potential allies and collaborators, SAMEA and IPASA.

We critically consider the possibilities the Edvision platform being developed by Rand Merchant Bank could enable. Finally, we turn our attention to the 2020 NASCEE Conference.

We cannot wait for NASCEE to expand its activities in 2020 and truly believe that we are **#StrongerTogether..**

## STRATEGIC INSIGHT

The first strategic planning session for the NASCEE Board allowed the Board members to revisit, refine and reconnect to the NASCEE vision and mission.

Although the Board members each represent different interests and offer different value propositions in their organisations, they were able to find common ground and develop a mutual framework of trust.

The key consideration for the session was finding a balance for NASCEE between what needs to be done and what could reasonably be done with the resources available to NASCEE. In other words, creating a sustainable programme of development by considering

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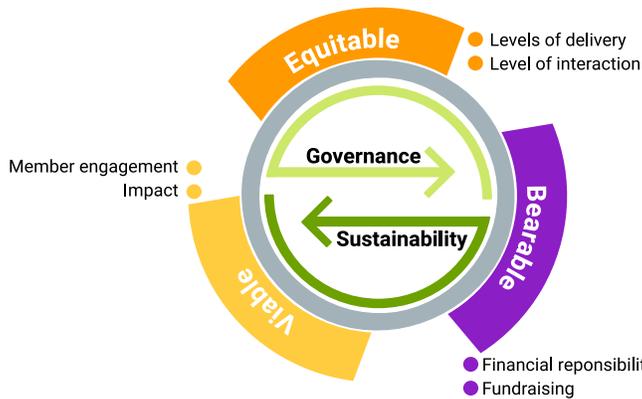
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both our *governance responsibilities* and improving the *sustainability of our initiatives*.

*Governance* includes addressing the responsibilities NASCEE has to its members, and the level of delivery and interaction NASCEE needs to adopt to address important issues, make the necessary impact, and keep members engaged.

*Sustainability* involves understanding what resources NASCEE has available, the financial requirements of its programme of action, how it will be raising funds, and building the NASCEE membership base.

The Board reiterated that **NASCEE is defined by its membership** - who we are able to reach, who we represent and who we can involve in our programme of action. This makes the membership considerations the cornerstone on which NASCEE needs to build its strategies, tactics and actions.

Board members renewed their commitment to the perspectives and inputs provided by the keynote speakers at the 2019 NASCEE Conference. The NASCEE vision, mission and purpose statements were refined to:

**Vision**

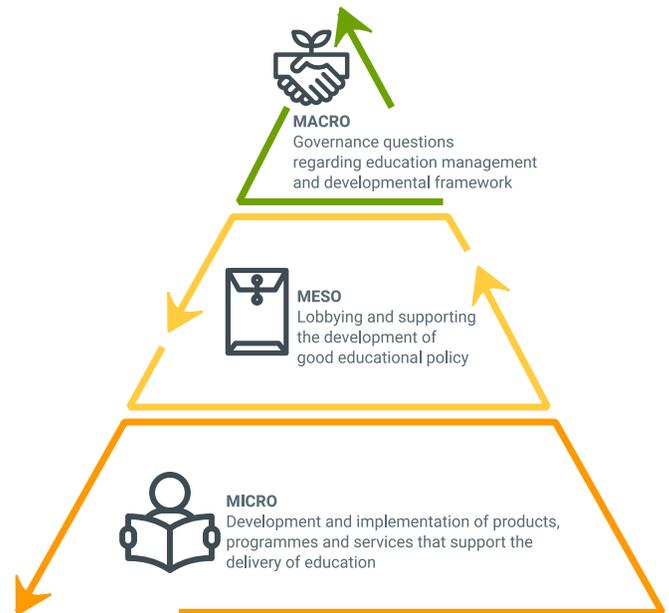
*We see a future where non-profit organisations (NPOs) in education are recognised and valued by all stakeholders for making a meaningful contribution to quality education for all in South Africa.*

**Mission**

*It is our mission to empower NPOs in education by improving their visibility, capacity, effectiveness and commitment to collaboration in order to magnify their impact and influence.*

**Purpose**

*We work to maximise the collective contribution of NPOs towards achieving transformational systemic education through the fulfilment of the national targets set out in the National Development Plan as well as the global targets set out in the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).*



For more detail on the NDP 2030 targets and the applicable UN Sustainable Development Goals please visit the NASCEE website at <https://nascee.org.za/our-goal/mission-vision>

You can find the NPD 2030 at <https://www.gov.za/issues/national-development-plan-2030> and the Sustainable Development Goals are discussed at <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/> .

In the meantime, the Board has decided to expand NASCEE's influence to all three levels of shaping the education system (macro, meso and micro) and to build a strong membership base. Closer towards the 2020 NASCEE conference we will launch our first working groups.

## POTENTIAL ALLIANCES

In an effort to build a network to strengthen its resilience and influence, the NASCEE Board has met with representatives from IPASA and SAMEA. It is hoped that we will be able to support each other in our mutual efforts to improve South African education, learning from one another as we work towards shared goals.

The **Independent Philanthropy Association of South Africa (IPASA)** is a voluntary association with 30 members, mostly family foundations based in South Africa. The association has been in existence for four years.

IPASA values its independence from government and the corporate sector. The association networks with philanthropists so that they can learn from one another. By supporting the learning cycle and enabling thought leadership, IPASA helps philanthropists to make a meaningful impact and facilitate change for the better in South Africa. As such, it respects and honours the principle of equity, and transformation and diversity are key criteria in their decisions about what work to support.

IPASA invests time and energy into on-boarding new members to ensure commitment and alignment with the practice of the association. Members have adopted a code of conduct that guide their collaborative projects.

The association concentrates on improving the quality of the projects they fund and improving the support provided to these projects.

IPASA holds four formal meetings and a two-day symposium every year. In addition, it actively engages its members in projects and markets its initiatives to raise additional funds.

Please visit their website for more details. Their symposium reports are well worth the read: <http://ipa-sa.org.za>

The **South African Monitoring and Evaluation Association (SAMEA)** was founded in 2005 to cultivate a community that supports, guides and strengthens the development of monitoring and evaluation as an important discipline and profession and instrument for empowerment and accountability in South Africa.

SAMEA has members in every province as well as regional chapters. It offers resources, capacity building and forums for members to engage with monitoring and evaluation themes. In addition, the association organises a biennial conference.

SAMEA maintains a WhatsApp group and a webinar for members, plus a web café, held on a quarterly basis. Three provinces use mainly face-to-face communication because of their rural nature but email is the preferred and main communication channel for members.

A technical working group is in place which reviews articles and technical issues for communication with members via the website.

SAMEA currently has 600–650 members in any one year, with an increase of membership in conference years. In addition, there are eleven institutional members.

Please visit their website for more details. They run many interesting workshops and talks on monitoring

and evaluation. The next conference will be in 2021.  
<https://www.samea.org.za/>

# BUILDING A PLATFORM

**Rand Merchant Bank** joined our planning session to present their work on the Edvision Platform. Their presentation highlighted that the platform’s focus is to map organisations, including NGOs/NPOs and donors, who are involved in education, to list who they are, what they do, where they do it and who funds their work. Presently, it is extremely difficult to identify all the organisations that are operating in the various provinces because of varying levels of communication and disclosure.

Edvision is an online platform, the initial development of which is being funded by Rand Merchant Bank. The goal of the platform is to reduce market inefficiency through, firstly, landscaping who is doing what in education and where they are doing it and, secondly, fostering meaningful connections between players in education.

The following points were noted:

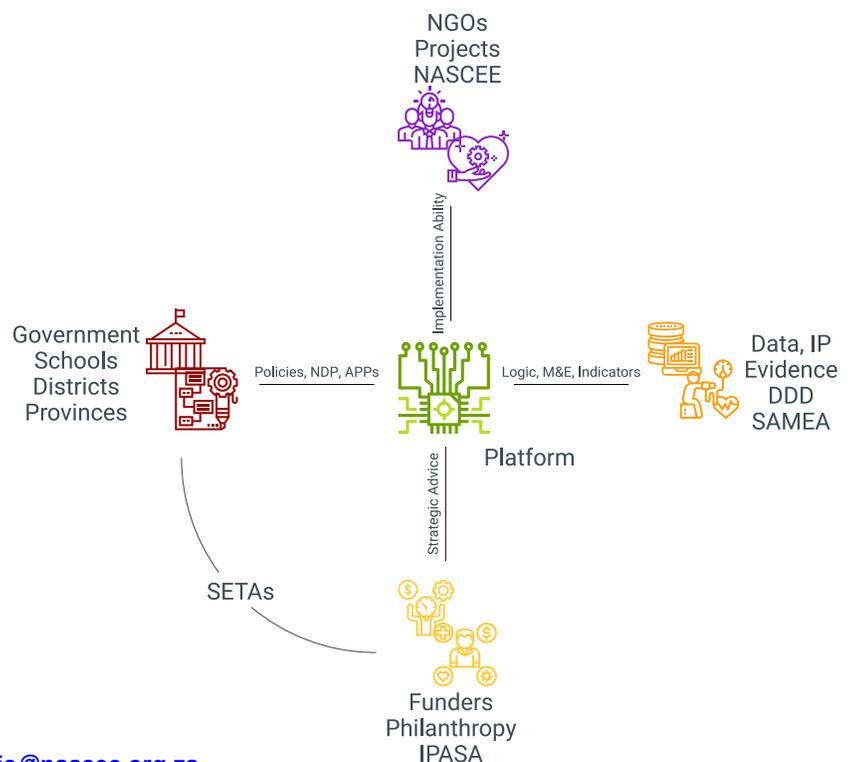
- Edvision is about transparent engagement, coordination and collaboration.
- Edvision is a potential partner for NASCEE; NASCEE could assist and guide individuals and NGOs/NPOs to use the platform.
- Although research and M&E papers, etc. are not included on the platform yet, these could be in the next few years.
- In time, the platform could be used to indicate areas where government is focusing its work.

The board considered that the Edvision platform could enable NASCEE to play an active part in a dynamic education ecosystem that is interoperable, white labeled, open-source and supported by artificial intelligence.

There is a compelling argument for considering the Edvision platform and a continued partnership as a defining opportunity for NASCEE.

Sharing information and enabling supply-demand matching through a ledger driven service for learning and development would revolutionise getting projects off the ground.

At this stage it is clear that the opportunity needs to be investigated further. A working committee from the NASCEE Board is working with Rand Merchant Bank to launch in early 2020.



# OUR MEMBERS

We are thrilled to report that so far 38 Organisations have joined NASCEE, including but not limited to those represented on the NASCEE Board. Welcome to you all - we will be starting our on-boarding process soon.

***These, and the next 62 members to join, will be recognised as Founding Members.***

If you do not find your name on the list, please be sure to visit our website soon. Visit <https://nascee.org.za/membership> and apply, today. There are cost-differentiated options for qualifying entities.

A Better Africa Foundation  
 African Institute for Mathematical Sciences Schools Enrichment Centre (AIMSSEC)  
 AFRO-Freedom Book Club  
 Biblionef South Africa  
 BRIDGE Innovation in Learning Organisation  
 Data Innovator  
 ENAMEN Consulting  
 Green Shoots  
 Horizon Educational Trust  
 JET Education Services  
 Kadesh International

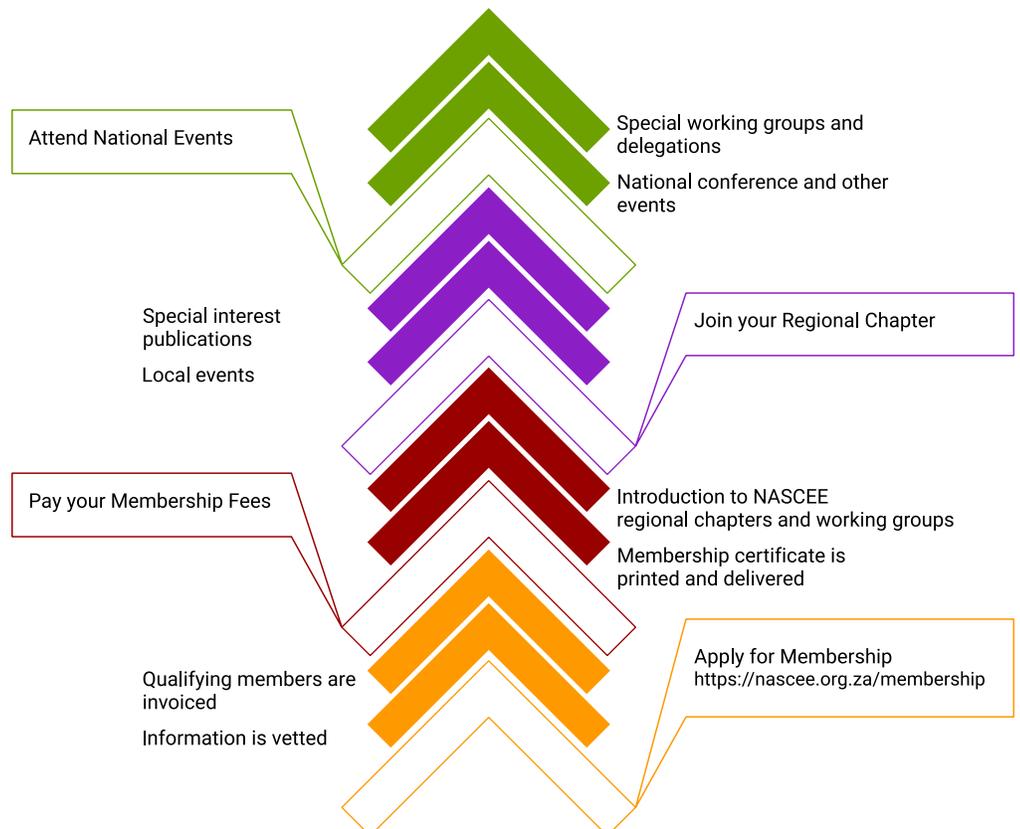
Kagiso Shanduka Trust (KST)  
 Kolping Society of South Africa  
 LEAP Science and Maths Schools Learning Trust  
 Lesedi Laronia Home of Trust  
 Love Trust  
 Michaelhouse Community Partnerships Trust  
 Multi Arts Alliance New Leaders Foundation  
 Niche Wellness  
 Onevoice South Africa  
 Pearson Marang Education Trust  
 Pecop Soweto

Primary Science Programme (PSP)  
 Reading to Learn South Africa  
 Ripple Reading  
 SchoolNet South Africa  
 ScienceCEO Academy  
 South African Education Project  
 Sozo Foundation  
 Summit Educational Trust  
 Symphonia for South Africa NPC  
 Ukuqonda Intitute  
 Unako  
 Zenex Foundation  
 Valued Citizens Initiative

Before we close 2019 we will be:

- Processing and invoicing any new membership applications
- Printing and sending your membership certificates, once we have received your payments
- Launching **members only benefits**
- Opening the **early bird bookings** for the 2020 NASCEE Conference (a discounted rate will be available for NASCEE members)

We would really like to offer you the best deals possible so please make sure to get your applications in.



**COMING UP**

The NASCEE Board is hard at work exploring partnerships, fundraising and establishing the proper governance processes for NASCEE.

The NASCEE Team is working on starting 2020 off with an action packed agenda. These include:



***A community radio campaign***

We are working on making contact with community radio stations to discuss the six education priorities identified by government representatives at the 2019 NASCEE Conference. The intent is to promote NASCEE and some of the work its members are doing around the themes: early childhood development, vocational education in schools, the fourth industrial revolution, professional development in the education sector, STEM education, and reading and early literacy. Our target launch date for this is January 2020.



***A series of webinars and podcasts***

In an effort to create flexible content that can be shared, discussed and developed into a critical resource library, the team is starting to work on material for webinars and podcasts. Much of the work will focus on helping NASCEE members stay current and develop forward-looking, practice-based communities. To be launched just before or at the NASCEE 2020 Conference.



***Regional champions and chapters***

As we register our members and work on the priority issues, the NASCEE Team will, together with the Board, identify and appoint regional champions. The champions will spearhead the establishment of regional chapters, working groups and other theme driven interactions. This work is focussed on building the regional networks so that our members can support each other in ensuring that all South Africans can participate in an education sector we feel proud of.



***The National Conference***

Based on your feedback from the 2019 NASCEE Conference, we have been working on exploring different formats for the 2020 Conference. The aim for this conference is for you, the delegates to debate and develop collaborative initiatives that can be supported by NASCEE around each of the national educational priorities. Our members will receive more information on the conference in their early bird registration pack which will arrive in their mailboxes in December 2019.

## SUPPORTING NASCEE

As you close off your year and get ready for 2020, we just wanted to reiterate that your support for NASCEE is vital if we are to survive as an association. So please consider:

- Becoming a member sooner rather than later
- Talking to potential donors and sponsors so that we can continue our work
- Spreading the word: we are here to stay and make a difference in education in South Africa.

# SAVE THE DATE



## **Collaborations for Change** *opportunities for implementation*

# 26-27 May 2020

Venue: To be confirmed, Gauteng

With easy access from OR Tambo and Gautrain

Cost:

R2500 per delegate

R 900 for members (early bird discount)

We are excited to announce that the 2020 NASCEE Conference: Collaborations for Change is taking place from 25-27 May 2020 and will focus on creating collaborative networks and projects around national education priorities for South Africa.

We sincerely hope that you will start blocking off the last week in May for the annual NASCEE conference going forward. We have taken cognisance of your feedback and are working on creating engaging and interactive sessions where you get to make your voice heard.

The conference will this year feature six breakaway sessions in which we want to enable you to:

- Meet funders
- Get a snapshot of the challenges
- Network with colleagues and potential partners
- Form a working group
- Come out with a strategy going forward
- Possibly identify a flagship project that you could take to government for funding

Registration will open for members in January.

We are really excited at how the conference is developing and hope to see you there.

## REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

### NASCEE has created a workshop on **Governance and Reporting in a Collaborative Project**

The workshop will encourage non-profits to share their experiences and expertise. In addition, NASCEE will look to identify key champions for the regional chapters

Province	Date	Location
<b>Gauteng</b>	21 January 2020	ETDP SETA Gauteng Braampark, Braamfontein (Subject to availability)
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	27 January 2020	ETDP SETA Eastern Cape Waverley Office Park, East London
<b>Western Cape</b>	24 January 2020	Pearson Institute of Higher Education Brookside Building 11 Imam Haroon Road Claremont
<b>Northern Cape</b>	4 February 2020	ETDP SETA Northern Cape 6A Long Street, Kimberley (Subject to availability)
<b>Free State</b>	7 February 2020	ETDP SETA Free State Sanlam Building, Bloemfontein (Subject to availability)
<b>North West</b>	11 February 2020	ETDP SETA North West Sparkling Office Park, Potchefstroom (Subject to availability)
<b>Limpopo</b>	14 February 2020	ETDP SETA Limpopo Kwane Chambers, Polokwane

		(Subject to availability)
<b>Mpumalanga</b>	18 February 2020	ETDP SETA Mpumalanga Streak Office Park, Nelspruit (Subject to availability)
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	21 February 2020	CASME 23 Caversham Road, Pinetown

## NPO CERTIFICATE

GP-S 812-0121



**CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF  
NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION**

In terms of the Nonprofit Organisation Act, 1997, I am satisfied that

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL CHANGE ENTITIES IN EDUCATION (NASCEE)**  
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(name of the organisation)

meets the requirements for registration.

The organisation's name was entered into the register on **16 July 2019**  
(date)

Registration number **231-678 NPO**

Director's signature  


  
 Department of Social  
Development

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### *It is official!*

In the last Newsletter we gave you NASCEE's provisional NPO number, but now we can confirm that we have received official confirmation of its registration from the Department of Social Development.

NASCEE officially exists, as our stakeholders defined it at the 2019 Conference.