

The Academy of Science of South Africa (ASSAf),
in collaboration with the South African Academy of Engineering (SAAE),
cordially invites you to participate online in a Transport Roundtable during
Transport Month 2026, hosted by GIBB Group.

Can South Africa Turn Transport Infrastructure into Economic Opportunity? Safer Mobility, Better Connectivity and Stronger Economic Growth

Transport infrastructure is central to South Africa's economic and social development, connecting people to opportunities, supporting trade and enabling the movement of goods and services. Yet persistent challenges relating to freight and logistics efficiency, public transport, road safety, infrastructure maintenance and unequal access continue to constrain economic growth and development.

As South Africa seeks to accelerate infrastructure investment, increasing attention is being given to private sector financing and partnerships. This raises important questions about how commercial investment objectives can be balanced with the developmental mandate of the state to ensure lasting economic and social benefits.

In the roundtable discussion, **Dr Andrew Shaw**, Group Executive: Strategy at Transnet SOC Ltd, will explore opportunities to strengthen freight, logistics and strategic investment, while **Dr Hubert Joynt**, Transport Economist at Infrastructure South Africa, will consider how improved connectivity can enhance productivity and support inclusive economic development.

Mr Edmund Nxumalo of the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) will focus on engineering capacity and infrastructure delivery as essential to strengthening the country's transport systems. The session will conclude with a moderated panel discussion, led by **Mr Vishaal Lutchman**, on translating infrastructure investment into tangible economic opportunities for South Africa.

We look forward to your participation in this important discussion on strengthening South Africa's transport infrastructure and translating investment into sustainable economic and social opportunities.

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Date:

Wednesday, 21 October 2026

Time:

9:00–12:00 SAST

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