

About the Enterprise and Supplier Development Community of Practice (ESD CoP)

The **Enterprise and Supplier Development Community of Practice (ESD CoP)** is a collaborative platform that brings together Enterprise and Supplier Development (ESD) practitioners from the public and private sectors to strengthen professional practice, encourage knowledge sharing and contribute to the development of a more effective and inclusive enterprise development ecosystem in South Africa.

As part of **Project EMBRACE**, the South African Supplier Diversity Council (SASDC) serves as the **Secretariat** for the ESD CoP, providing strategic, governance and operational support to the Community of Practice while facilitating collaboration between practitioners, corporate members, government institutions and ecosystem partners.

The Community of Practice provides a neutral platform for practitioners to exchange knowledge, share leading practices, discuss emerging policy developments and collectively identify solutions to challenges affecting Enterprise and Supplier Development in South Africa.

The Role of the SASDC Secretariat

As Secretariat, the SASDC is responsible for:

- ✓ Providing strategic leadership and administrative support to the ESD Community of Practice.
- ✓ Coordinating governance structures and supporting the long-term institutional development of the Community of Practice.
- ✓ Facilitating collaboration between ESD practitioners, corporate organisations, government departments and development partners.
- ✓ Promoting the professionalisation of Enterprise and Supplier Development practice.
- ✓ Coordinating practitioner learning opportunities, technical knowledge exchange and thought leadership.
- ✓ Supporting dialogue on policy, supplier diversity and inclusive economic development.
- ✓ Building partnerships that strengthen the effectiveness and impact of Enterprise and Supplier Development across South Africa.

Focus Areas

The ESD Community of Practice supports collaboration in areas including:



Enterprise and Supplier Development best practice.



Supplier diversity and inclusive procurement.



Professional development for ESD practitioners.



Public policy and regulatory developments.



Knowledge sharing and peer learning.



Research, innovation and thought leadership.



Strategic partnerships that strengthen entrepreneurial ecosystems.

Vision

The ESD Community of Practice seeks to advance a professional, collaborative and impact-driven Enterprise and Supplier Development ecosystem that contributes to the growth of competitive Black-owned businesses, stronger supply chains and more inclusive economic participation.

Through its Secretariat role, the SASDC continues to strengthen collaboration across the ecosystem while supporting the long-term development of Enterprise and Supplier Development as a recognised professional discipline.

The long-term vision is to establish the ESD Community of Practice as South Africa's recognised professional body for Enterprise and Supplier Development practitioners, promoting professional standards, ethics, continuous learning and excellence across the sector.

Who Should Join?

The ESD Community of Practice welcomes ESD executives, managers and practitioners in the corporate and public enterprise sectors who are responsible for or involved in the implementation of the ESD component of B-BBEE.

Join or Register your interest [HERE](https://esdcommunity.net/index.php/en/)

Join a growing community of professionals working together to strengthen Enterprise and Supplier Development through collaboration, knowledge sharing, professional development and thought leadership.

For more information visit the ESD CoP website:
<https://esdcommunity.net/index.php/en/>

Project

PROJECT EMBRACE aims to economically mainstream Black women and youth through responsible market access and value chain transformation for an inclusive green economy

Objective

Implement a sustainable framework to boost Black women and youth participation in South Africa's green economy through strengthening an entrepreneurial ecosystem providing research, skills development, advocacy, employment, and entrepreneurship support.

Geographic Focus

Focused on South Africa, with reach into SADC and Sub-Saharan Africa.

Implemented by

South Africa Supplier Diversity Council NPC (SASDC)

Duration

01 Sept 2024 - 30 Jun 2027



Our Partners

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