



2026/27 Sector Skills Plan Consultation Sessions

Be Part of Influencing the Skills Development Direction for the W&R Sector

Dear Valued Stakeholder,

The Wholesale and Retail Sector Education and Training Authority (W&RSETA) is pleased to invite you to participate in the Sector Skills Plan (SSP) 2026 Consultation Sessions, part of the SETA's ongoing commitment to evidence-based sector planning and inclusive stakeholder engagement.

These sessions will convene industry leaders, business associations, organised labour, PSET institutions (HET, TVET & CET) and government representatives to deliberate on emerging trends, labour market developments, and priority skills needs within the Wholesale and Retail sector. Your expertise and input are critical in shaping strategies that respond effectively to the sector's current and future skills demands

Objectives of the Consultation Sessions:

- Gather evidence-based inputs aligned with key sector drivers of change.
- Discuss regional economic and labour market dynamics.
- Co-develop strategies that will inform national and provincial skills priorities.
- Strengthen collaboration between W&RSETA, industry, and social partners.
- Translate stakeholder insights into practical strategies for sector planning, curriculum design, and occupational development.

Consultation Session Schedule:

To facilitate your planning and participation, the consultation sessions for each province have been scheduled as follows:

Province	City	Venue	Date
North West	Rustenburg	The Royal Marang Hotel	16 April 2026
Free State	Bloemfontein	Southern Sun Bloemfontein	23 April 2026
Limpopo	Polokwane	Garden Court Polokwane	07 May 2026
KwaZulu-Natal	Durban	Coastlands Umhlanga Hotel	14 May 2026
Mpumalanga	Nelspruit	Chill Pepper Boutique Hotel	21 May 2026
Western Cape	Cape Town	AC Hotel by Marriott Cape Town	28 May 2026
Western Cape	George	Fancourt South Africa Hotel	04 June 2026
Gauteng	Johannesburg	Protea Hotel by Marriott Johannesburg Wanderers	11 June 2026
Eastern Cape	Gqeberha	Town Lodge Gqeberha	18 June 2026
Eastern Cape	East London	Garden Court East London	25 June 2026
Northern Cape	Kimberley	Protea Hotel by Marriott Kimberley	02 July 2026

Your participation is vital to ensuring that sector skills planning remains responsive, collaborative, and aligned with industry needs.

Please confirm your attendance by completing the RSVP form [available here](#)

For any queries regarding the consultation sessions, please contact **Mr. Albert Dlamini** at ADlamini@wrseta.org.za

We look forward to your valued contribution and meaningful engagement during these sessions.

Yours in Skills Development,
W&RSETA