



CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF RESEARCH THEMES OR TOPICS: W&RSETA RESEARCH AGENDA UPDATE

The Wholesale and Retail SETA (W&RSETA) invites stakeholders to submit research topics for consideration in the 2025-2030 Research Agenda. The selected themes must address critical areas that enhance sector skills planning and align with key sector priorities.

The primary objective of the W&RSETA Research Agenda is to improve the quality of labour market data and intelligence to strengthen strategic planning and enhance the sector's responsiveness to labour market disruptions.

Key Focus Areas

The updated Research Agenda aims to support:

- The development and transformation of the Wholesale and Retail Sector;
- The continuous enhancement of the Sector Skills Plan (SSP);
- The identification of areas with high economic growth potential;
- Emerging job opportunities and workforce development shifts within the sector;
- The sector's response to innovation and technological advancements;
- The design of targeted skills interventions to meet evolving sector demands and support the effective implementation of W&RSETA's strategy

Guidelines for Submissions

Stakeholders are encouraged to propose research topics that are:

- Aligned with sector priorities;
- Supportive of strategic development in the Wholesale and Retail sector over the next five years;
- Focused on driving transformation within the sector;
- Relevant to specific subsectors and their contributions.

Submission Details

Deadline: **31 March 2026**

Submit to: **Albert Dlamini** at ADlamini@wrseta.org.za

NB: This call is not a request for funding of research proposals, but an opportunity for stakeholders to contribute to shaping the sector's research priorities.

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Your contributions are essential in ensuring that the W&RSETA Research Agenda remains relevant, impactful, and responsive to sectoral needs. We look forward to your submissions.