



## 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](mailto: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.