

SARF Northern Region AGM and Seminar

On 25 October 2016, the SARF Northern Region AGM and Seminar was held at SANRAL's regional offices in Menlyn, Pretoria. Vusi Tshabangu, outgoing chairman of the region, gave an abbreviated account of the region's activities for the year.

Tshabangu also mentioned that the committee is in the process of trying to form sub-regions in Limpopo, Mpumalanga and North West Province. It has been decided that the Limpopo sub-region will be the first project and some progress has been made in this regard.

Tshabangu then welcomed the incoming chairman, Dr Chris Geldenhuys and wished the new committee all the very best for the upcoming year.

AGM Seminar

Ismail Essa, Regional Manager of SANRAL's Northern Region, spoke on the Moloto Road upgrade which was incorporated into the SANRAL network in 2015 and became part of SANRAL's non-tolled portfolio. It is one of the busiest and most accident-ridden roads in South Africa.

In his presentation, Essa illustrated the issues that SANRAL will face to accommodate land and business owners, pedestrians, commuters and motorists. Moloto Road is on the brink of a R3.7 billion makeover which will cover at least 139km of the 160km stretch of this notorious road. The road runs through three provinces and carries more than 150 000 commuters daily, most of them heading to and from work in Pretoria. It has been dubbed "the road of death" as a result of the high number of fatal accidents that have occurred over the years. Construction will soon commence and is scheduled to be completed in the next five to 10 years.

Hennie Kotze, Senior Project Manager of SANRAL Northern region discussed a series of ideas pertaining to the upgrade of the M1; M2 and M70 motorways of the city of Johannesburg's Roads Agency (JRA). The JRA asked SANRAL to run the rehabilitation of these main motorways to ensure that upgrades are completed successfully, thereby ensuring the long term sustainability of the city.

The three motorways have been split into five distinct sections by an experienced team of consulting engineers who have put together innovative ways to solve the long term traffic congestion leading in and out of Johannesburg.

SARF Northern region would like to thank Ismail Essa and Hennie Kotze for their presentations and Gail Bester for organising it.

Photo 1: Ismail Essa of SANRAL.

Photo 2: Hennie Kotze delivering his presentation.

Photo 3: Delegates attending the 2016 NR AGM.

Photo 4: Sybil who registered delegates as they arrived.





