

The South African Sanitation Technology Enterprise Programme (SASTEP) is a national system of innovation platform that seeks fast-track the adoption of innovative and emerging sanitation technologies in South Africa through fostering local manufacturing and commercialization. The core strategy of the programme includes supporting and empowering sanitation innovators (technology partners) and sanitation entrepreneurs (commercial partners). The programme’s approach is hinged on the formation of a collaborative partnership with these partners to ensure the transition of suitable and appropriate sanitation technologies to the marketplace.

The programme was established by the Water Research Commission (WRC) in partnership with the Department of Science and Innovation (DSI), and the Bill and Melinda Foundation (BMGF) and with the support of the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS).

The programme is an operational vehicle of the WRC’s sanitation transformational vision SANiTi: Sanitation Transformation Initiative.

The programme’s vision: “Upon conclusion of SASTEP, a rejuvenated South African sanitation industry should have emerged that not only creates jobs and contributes to the GDP but also is a global leader in the application of alternative sanitation technologies that provides everyone in South Africa with access to dignified sanitation that minimizes pollution, beneficiates wastes, and promotes health, safety and water security.”

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