



Make your contribution to the repositioning of SAIEES as an organisation

**ECOLOGISTS & ENVIRONMENTALISTS**

*... in transit*



# *Southern African Institute for Ecologists and Environmental Scientists*

## *Institute in "transit"*

SAIEES is a membership organization that was established for the advancement of the science and practice of ecology and environmental science (encompassing both natural and non-natural sciences), to represent ecologists and environmental scientists, to promote their interests and to uphold the status of the profession of ecology and environmental science.

Some long-standing members of SAIEES have questioned the value of the institute, arguing that they receive no real benefits and minimal return on their annual subscription fees. For South Africans there are perhaps alternatives to SAIEES, but for other SADC citizens, the Institute offers a unique "home" that is valued. There is a growing interest in SAIEES from ecologists and environmental scientists in neighbouring countries, which bodes well for the future.

For the reasons stated above, SAIEES is repositioning itself to become a truly southern African body, promoting the interests of ecologists and environmental scientists on a regional level. It is therefore in a state of "transit". To kick-start the process SAIEES has developed a brand new website [www.saiees.org](http://www.saiees.org).

***You can help move us in the right direction!***

## *This is how you can help:*

1. Put a comment or suggestion into the box provided at IAIASA 2009 from 23 to 26 August; or SAWMA 2009 from 14 to 17 September
2. Get online and leave a message on our website, by clicking on the "contact us" button;
3. Recruit others by telling them of the website [www.saiees.org](http://www.saiees.org), and downloading the application form;
4. Respond to specific needs by volunteering as a SAIEES ambassador, newsletter editor or SAIEES representative;
5. Call SAIEES on 021 789 1385 or +264 61 220 579.

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