

Policy Statement

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ENVIRONMENTAL

The South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO) provides scientific radio astronomy, engineering, design and development, construction, operation and maintenance services for radio telescope projects and sites in South Africa and on the African Continent.

SARAO will integrate environmental protection, sustainability and preservation in its activities through implementation of Environmental Management Systems, as guided by the ISO 14001 Plan-Do-Check-Act (PDCA) environmental cycle. In so doing, decisions made ensure the consideration of 'Environmental Duty of Care' (prevention, protection, conservation & preservation), and meet stakeholder and community requirements.

To minimize environmental impacts concerning our activities, we shall:

- Implement an Environmental Management System in accordance with but not limited to ISO 14001.
- Comply with all applicable legal requirements and Integrated Environmental Management Plan which the organization subscribes to.
- Ensure sustainable development and social equity to continue improvement.
- Prevent air and ground pollution, reduce waste and minimize the consumption of water resources.
- Educate, train and motivate employees to carry out tasks in an environmentally responsible manner.
- Encourage environmental protection amongst suppliers and sub-contractors.
- Reduce our impact on the natural environment by protecting and enhancing the diversity of wildlife and natural habitats.
- Apply a risk-based methodology by conducting environmental risk and opportunity assessments.
- Engage stakeholders by promoting open communication and engagement that is driven on the basis of environmental protection.

Our Environmental Policy shall be communicated, displayed, understood and applied throughout SARAO and made available on request to relevant interested Parties, as appropriate.

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