

ANDISWA MLISA



CV

Andiswa Mlisa has recently been appointed the Acting CEO of South African National Space Agency (SANSA) after having served as SANSA's Managing Director of the Earth Observation Programme. In which role she was responsible for setting and executing the organisation strategy for the uptake of Earth observations towards creating a capable state, betterment of the people and appropriate management of environmental resources. Most recently she took the lead in the development of the Space Infrastructure Hub business case and the hosting by SANSA of the Digital Earth Africa Programme Management Office.

She has authored, co-authored numerous publications and participated in several local and international conferences. She has numerous professional memberships on local and international space and Earth observation platforms, including having served in the South African Council for Space Affairs (SACSA) and She is currently the Chairperson of the South African Committee on Spatial Information (CSI).

Andiswa has been associated with the promotion of Earth observation since her early career, such as being co-chair of the Group on Earth Observation (GEO) Capacity Building Committee and a co-chair of the GEO Programme Board. During her secondment by the South Africa Government to the GEO Secretariat in Switzerland, she coordinated the establishment and implementation of the first Regional GEO Initiative, AfriGEO. Her passion for space industry development led to her facilitation and SANSA sponsoring the establishment of the South African space industry association ZaSpace Inc.