

# South African National Space Agency Technology Management

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# Space Exploration: Unforgettable Déjà Vu

Earth, the Only Habitable Planet.. For now!!







# **SANSA PROGRAMMES**

SANSA Earth Observation Directorate SANSA Space Operations Directorate

SANSA Space Science Directorate

Earth
Observation
Programme

Space
Operations
Programme

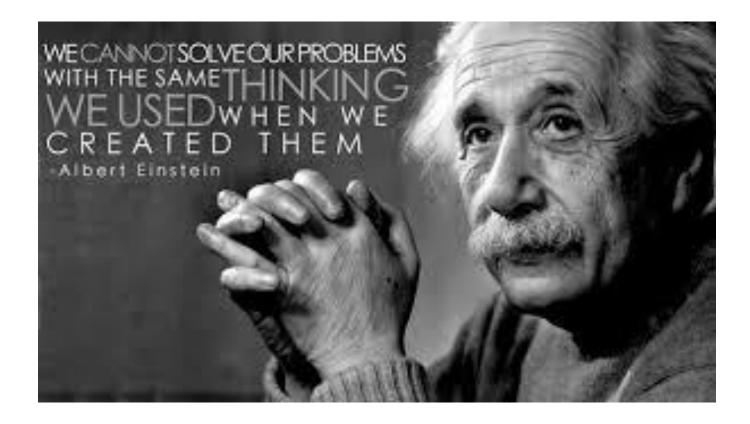
**Space Science**Programme

Space Engineering Programme

Human Capital Development
Programme

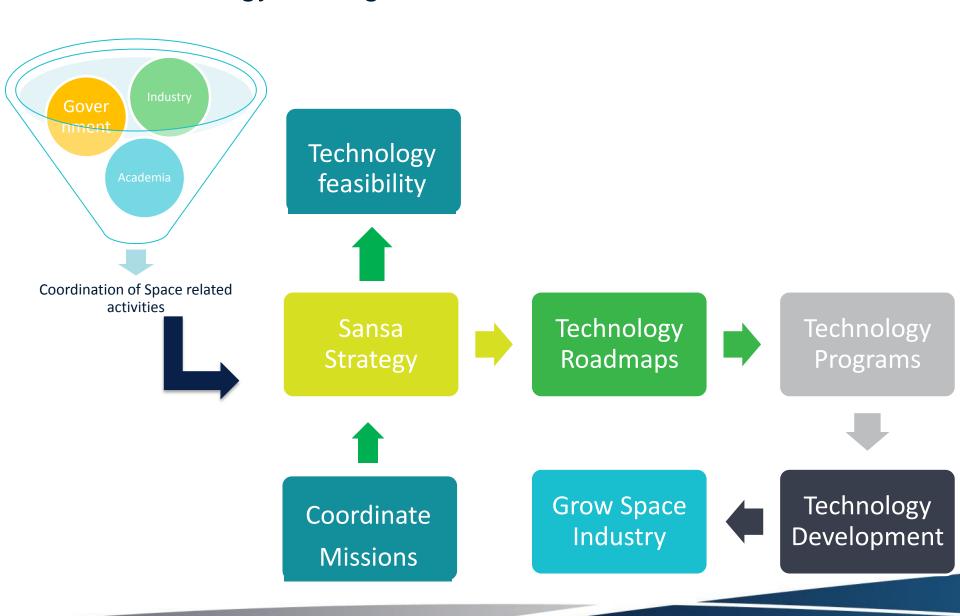
Science Advancement
Programme





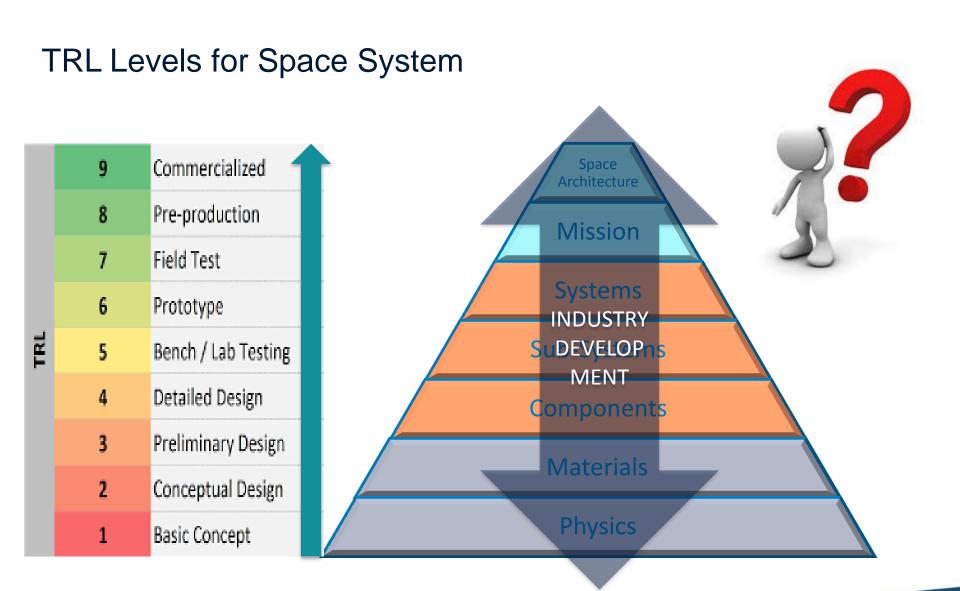
How can we use Space to deal with our Socio-Economic challengers

# **Technology Management Process**



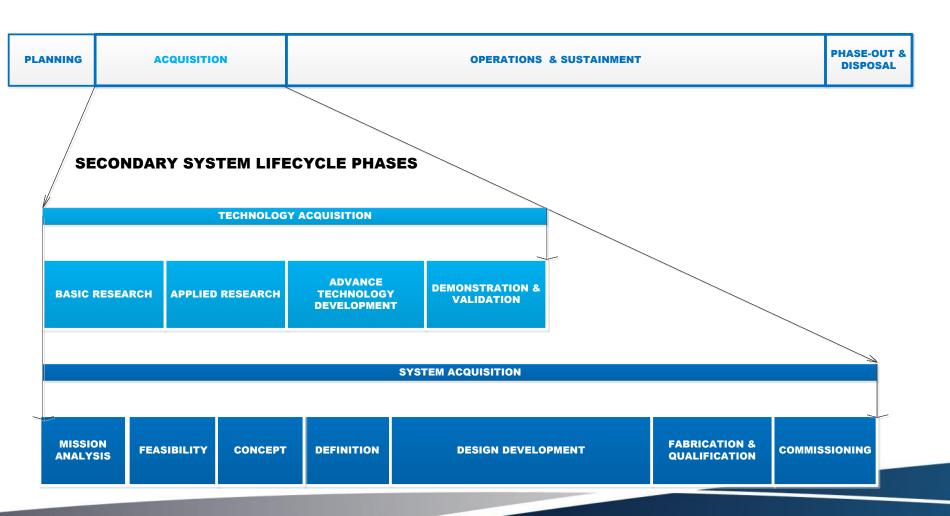
# **Technology Programs**



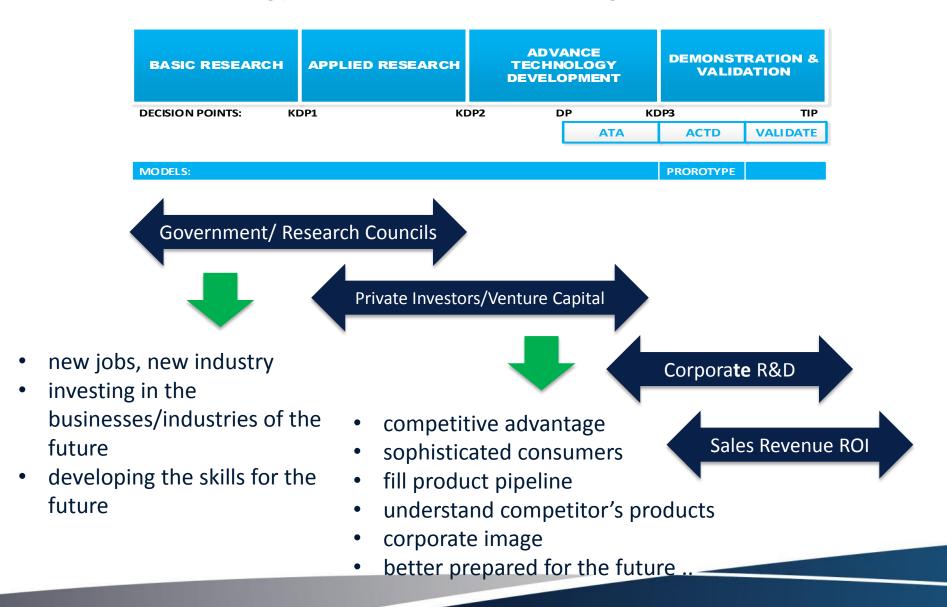


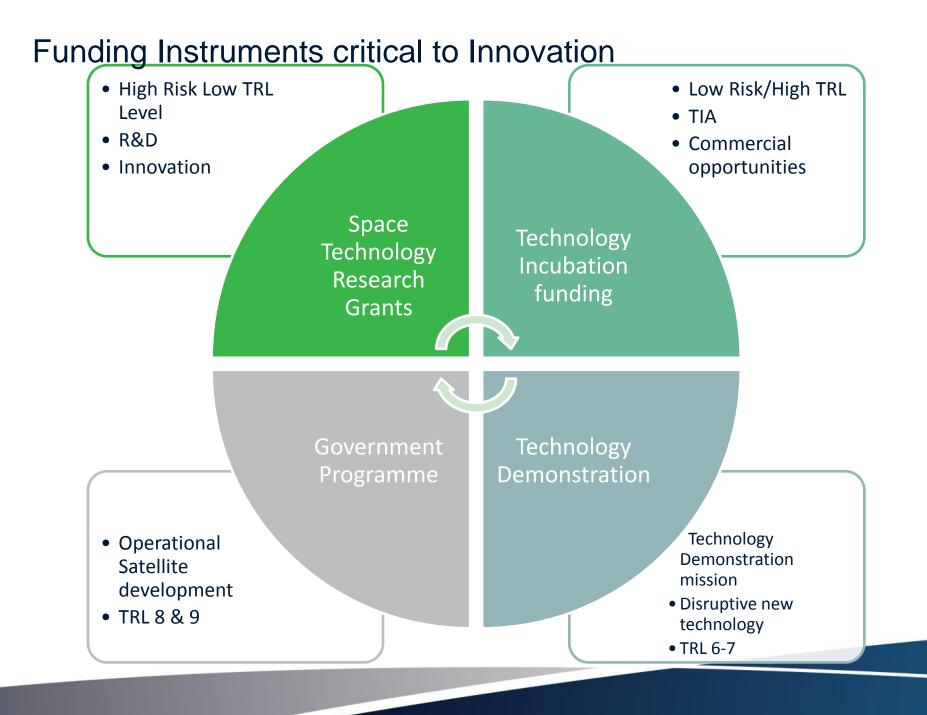
# Life Cycle Project

#### **PRIMARY SYSTEM LIFECYCLE PHASES**



# Space technology and Innovation Management





#### Government Role



- A Country Champion in Space at Cabinet level
- Space Policy directly aligned for commercial growth
- Approved fully funded Space Programme
  - All Space related organizations should benefit
  - Financial / Non-financial support for start-up through government incentives
  - Creating opportunities for downstream Markets
- Attracting the **best talent** on a ambitious yet manageable Space programme
- South African Government to lead Trade delegation to various countries with full support for collaboration and joint ventures
- Utilizing government funding for Technology Demonstrators

Department:
Trade and Industry
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## Space Agency Role

- Well resourced Mission office within Space agency
- Developing Technology incubators for strategic opportunities
- Capital Lending Model for Start-ups utilizing currently accessible funding sources
- Extending the current industries opportunities in space related technologies
- Creating synergy between various space organizations in the country
- Administer grant funding for technology development
- Developing partnerships with potential stakeholders







#### Academia Role

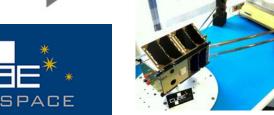
- Creating research opportunities within universities to support the Space Programme
- HCD (Undergraduate, Masters, Phd)
- **Training Programme** in Space Engineering

Developing a National Space Science advancement and outreach

programme













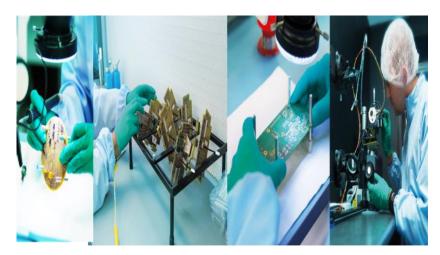


# **Industry Role**

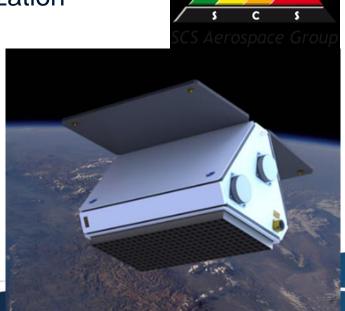




- Provide Input into National Space Strategy
- Develop new innovative products to compete with the broader market
- Develop skills and capability to support organizational strategy
- Provide leadership within areas of specialization

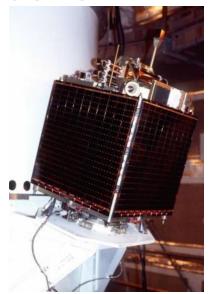






# **Space Engineering Heritage**

#### **SUNSAT-1**



- Graduate student project
- Over 100 students 1992-2001
- 2 years, last contact in January 2001 (possible battery failure)



#### 82 kg Microsatellite

510 km 9 am/pm sun-synchronous orbit 6.25 m GSD Imaging in 6 spectral bands

#### **5 University experiments**

Very low frequency radio waves (UKZN)
Forced vibrating string (NMMU)
Software defined radio (SU)
Space radiation experiment (SU)
Amateur Radio transponder (SA AMSAT)

Launch date 17th September 2009



African Technology for future CubeSat Missions

nSight





our future through science





2009 2011



2013



2015



2017



2019

2021

University CubeSat Programme





**ZACUBE-1** launch



**QB50 ZA-AeroSat** & nSight launch

**MDASat** constellation

> **FireSat** constellation



# **CubeSat missions**

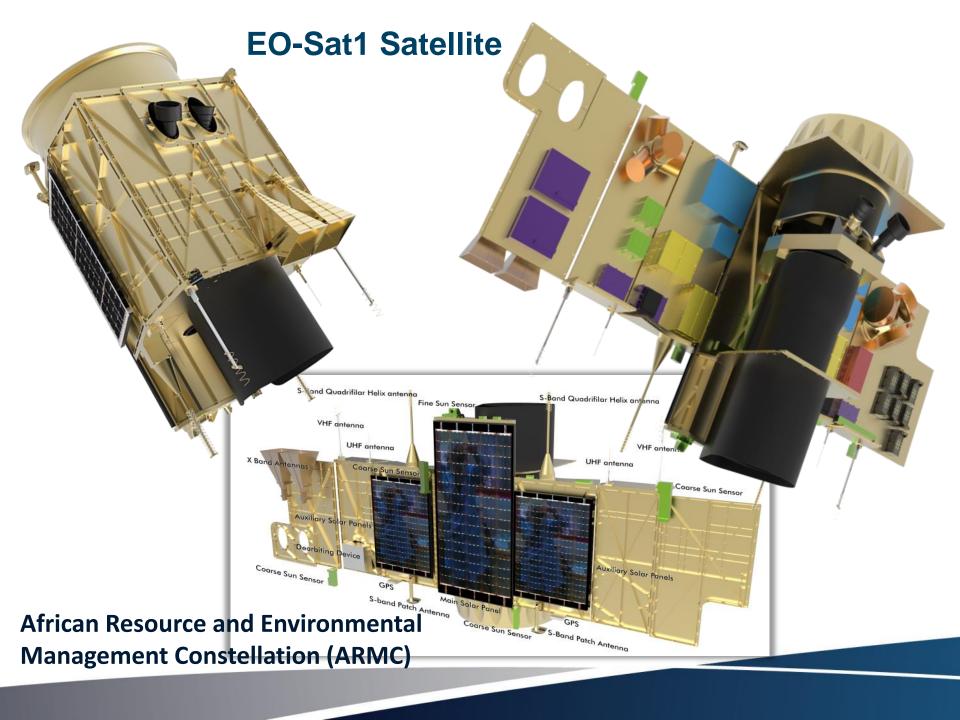
- Creation of an enabling environment in support of CubeSat missions
- Ensure availability of and access to testing facilities
- Human capital development (student development and professional development)
- Technology development
- Research outputs
- ZA-CUBE01, ZA-CUBE02, QB50
- Provider of sub-systems







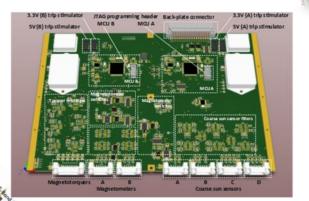




# **Industry Development**

- Development of long term Space programme
- **Technology Road Maps**

AIT facilities planning



Magnetic Interface



Power Distribution Unit



Mass Memory router Unit



X Band Horn Antenna



Star Tracker Unit

# **Space Engineering Technology impact**

- Solar energy
- Low energy design
- Miniaturisation
- Control systems
- Robust control software.
- High strength materials
- Optical technology
- Optronic technology
- High speed manufacturing
- Microwave design
- Machining specialist materials

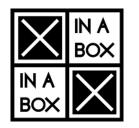








# Stem outreach Programme for Space Engineering



- To create awareness and excitement about STEM in high school learners. 3000 Students at a cost \$10/Student
- inspire our youth to become the future scientists and engineers in the South African / African Space industry
- To create a pipeline of potential bursary candidates for tertiary studies and career development ensuring capacity to sustain our future in science, technology and innovation.





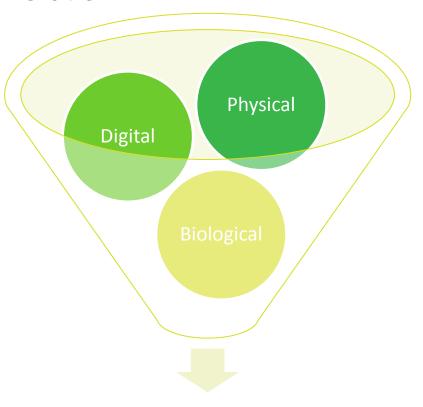


#### 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution

**Advance Sensor** 

**Industrial Internet** 

Complex Cloud Computing



Convergence of Technology

Technology connected

Additive Manufacturing

**Big Data** 

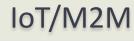
**Analytics** 



# Managing integrated Technology System

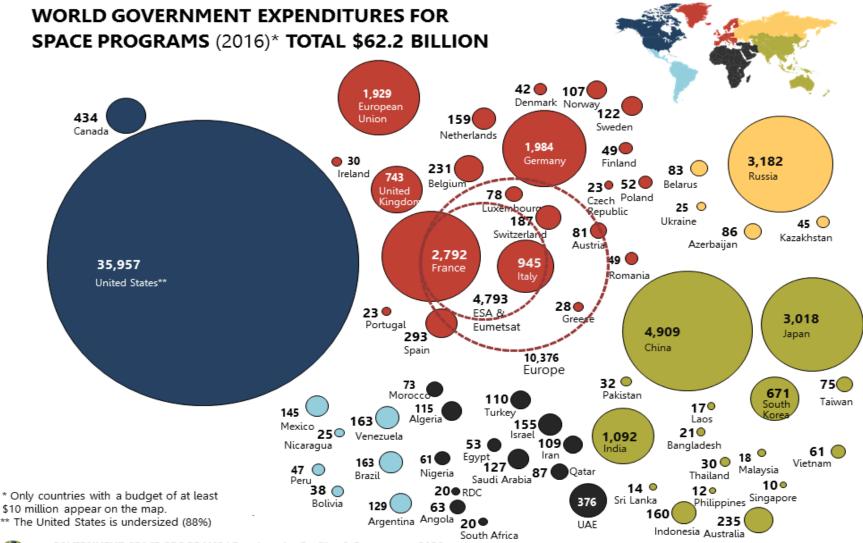
 Real time regional awareness – Disasters, Population Growth, Predictability models

Technology development cannot be seen in isolation of the expected requirement from the user – " Analytics, Decision Making"





### Africa needs to invest in Space





#### Fundamental to achieving technology development



Vision Capability Political Will Strategic partnership





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