

# SOUTH AFRICA'S JOURNEY TOWARDS A HYDROGEN ECONOMY

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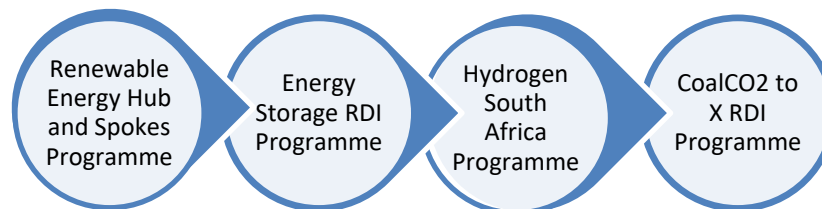
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# DSI MANDATE

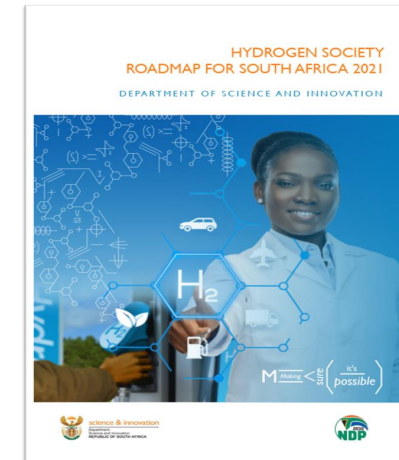
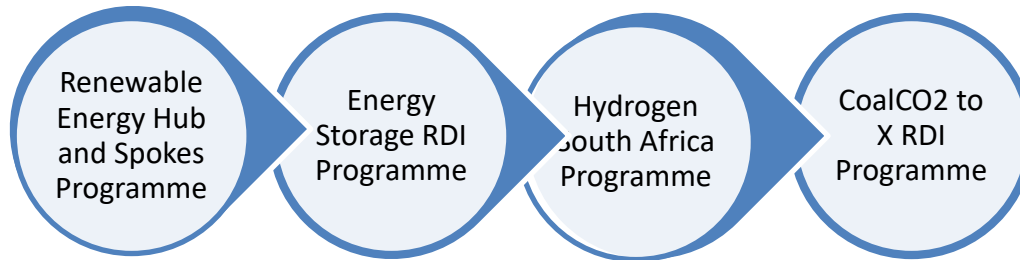
The Department of Science and Innovation (DSI) mandate is derived from the Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) White Paper. The DSI Energy Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Programmes support:

- Reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution while contributing to a more diverse and sustainable energy mix.
- Research, development and validation efforts to enable emerging technologies to be competitive with incumbent technologies in terms of cost and performance.
- Local value addition through leveraging our resource endowment.
- Knowledge generation and skills development.
- Strategic partnerships with public and private sector to reduce the institutional and market barriers to commercialisation.



# TYPICAL EVOLUTION OF RDI PROGRAMMES

From RDI Strategies (Outputs) to National Initiative/Roadmap (Outcomes)

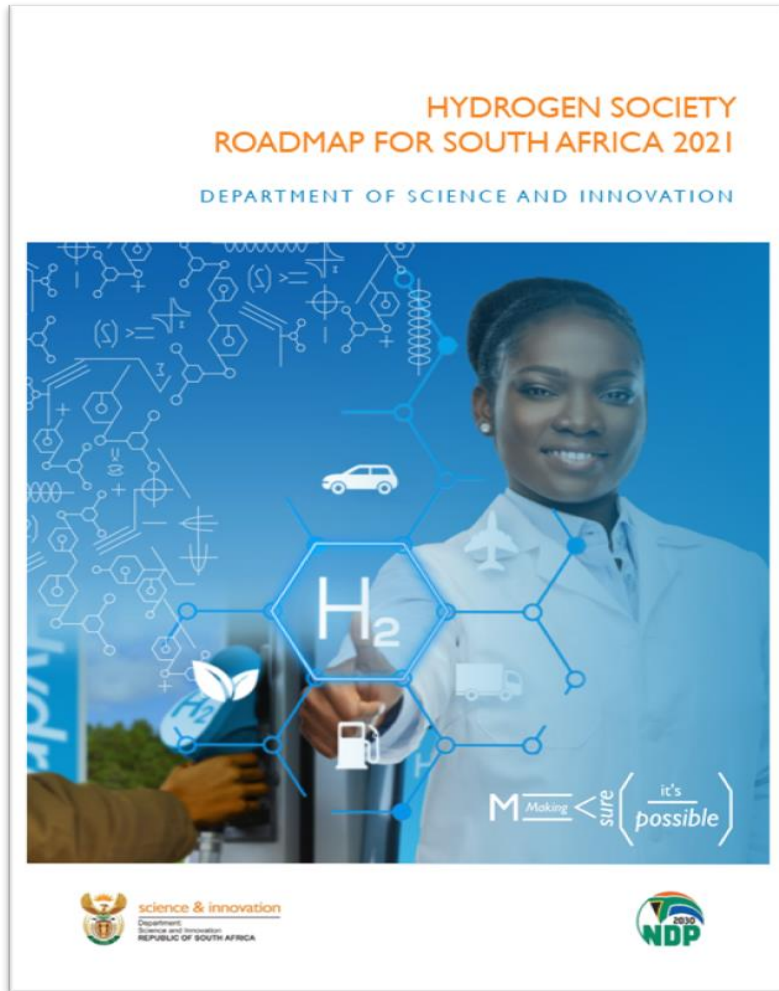


## Typical Outputs:

- 192 (MSc and PhD) graduates in engineering and related fields
- 352 Publications in ISI journals
- 30 Intellectual property rights filed and 15 granted
- 23 Prototypes
- 27 Technology demonstrations in real world environment
- 18 Commercial products
- 7 Trade secrets declared
- 3 Spin-off companies.



# THE HYDROGEN SOCIETY ROADMAP



<https://www.dst.gov.za/index.php/resource-center/strategies-and-reports/3574-hydrogen-society-roadmap-for-south-africa-2021>



## Vision

An inclusive, sustainable and competitive hydrogen economy by 2050 with the goal of achieving a Just and inclusive net zero carbon economic growth for societal wellbeing by 2050.



## Purpose

To align stakeholders on a common vision on hydrogen related technologies in order to create an environment where investment decisions can be made to unlock the social economic benefits for the country.

# HIGH LEVEL OUTCOMES OF THE HSRM

The implementation of the HSRM is expected to contribute to the goal of a just and inclusive net-zero carbon economic growth for societal wellbeing by 2050 through the following high-level outcomes:



**Green and enhanced power sector and buildings**

**[16]**

**Lead Department: DMRE**  
**Supported by: DPWI**



**Decarbonisation of transport sectors: heavy duty trucks, shipping, aviation and rail**

**[8]**

**Lead Department: DoT**  
**Supported by: DTIC, DFFE**



**Creation of a manufacturing sector for hydrogen products and components**

**[9]**

**Lead Department: DSI**  
**Supported by: DTIC, DMRE, DSBD**



**Decarbonisation of energy intensive industry : iron & steel, chemicals, mining, refineries, cement**

**[8]**

**Lead Department: DTIC**  
**Supported by: DFFE, DMRE, DPE**



**Creation of an export market for green hydrogen and green ammonia**

**[9]**

**Lead Department: DTIC**  
**Supported by: DIRCO, NT**



**Transition from grey to blue to green hydrogen**

**[20]**

**Lead: Presidency**  
**Supported by: DSI, DMRE, DTIC, DIRCO, DFFE, DPE, DPWI**

**Ensure that Gender, Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) are at the core of the transition to a low carbon economy to tackle the triple challenges of poverty, inequality and unemployment**

# KEY ACTIONS & MILESTONES

2021-2024

## PRODUCTION

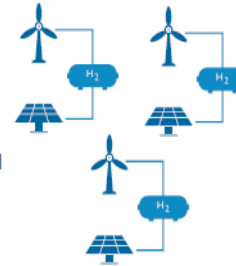
- Small scale electrolysis production
- At least 1MW GH2 production piloted



2025-2030

## PRODUCTION

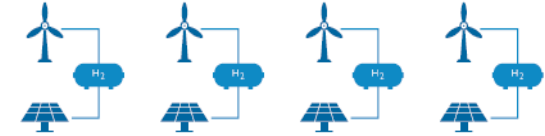
- 5GW electrolysis capacity under construction in NC
- 10GW electrolysis capacity deployed in NC by 2030
- 1.7GW electrolyser capacity deployed in H2 Valley by 2030
- At least 500kt H2 produced annually by 2030



2030-2040

## PRODUCTION

- Increase electrolysis capacity to at least 15GW by 2040



## USE

- At least 100 buses and trucks powered by H2 by 2025
- At least 20 forklifts converted to fuel cell power by 2025
- At least 5 refueling stations deployed by 2025
- Demonstration in power generation and stationary fuel cells in public buildings
- Industry demonstration including SAFs



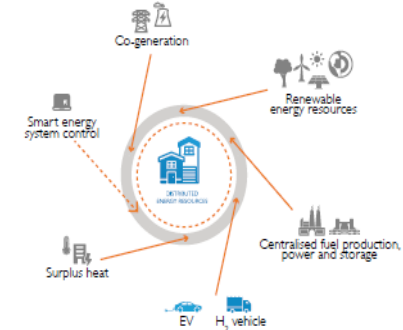
## USE

- At least 500 buses and trucks powered by H2 by 2030
- Power generation in turbines using H2 and ammonia
- Sector coupling and use in transport, industry



## USE

- Sector coupling and full use in transport, industry and power



## JOBS

- Upscaling of training and reskilling for new jobs



## JOBS

- At least 20 000 jobs created annually by 2030



## JOBS

- At least 30 000 jobs created annually by 2040



Establish targets and policy signals



Support demand creation



Mitigate investment risk



Harmonize standards and remove barriers



Promote Research, Development and Innovation



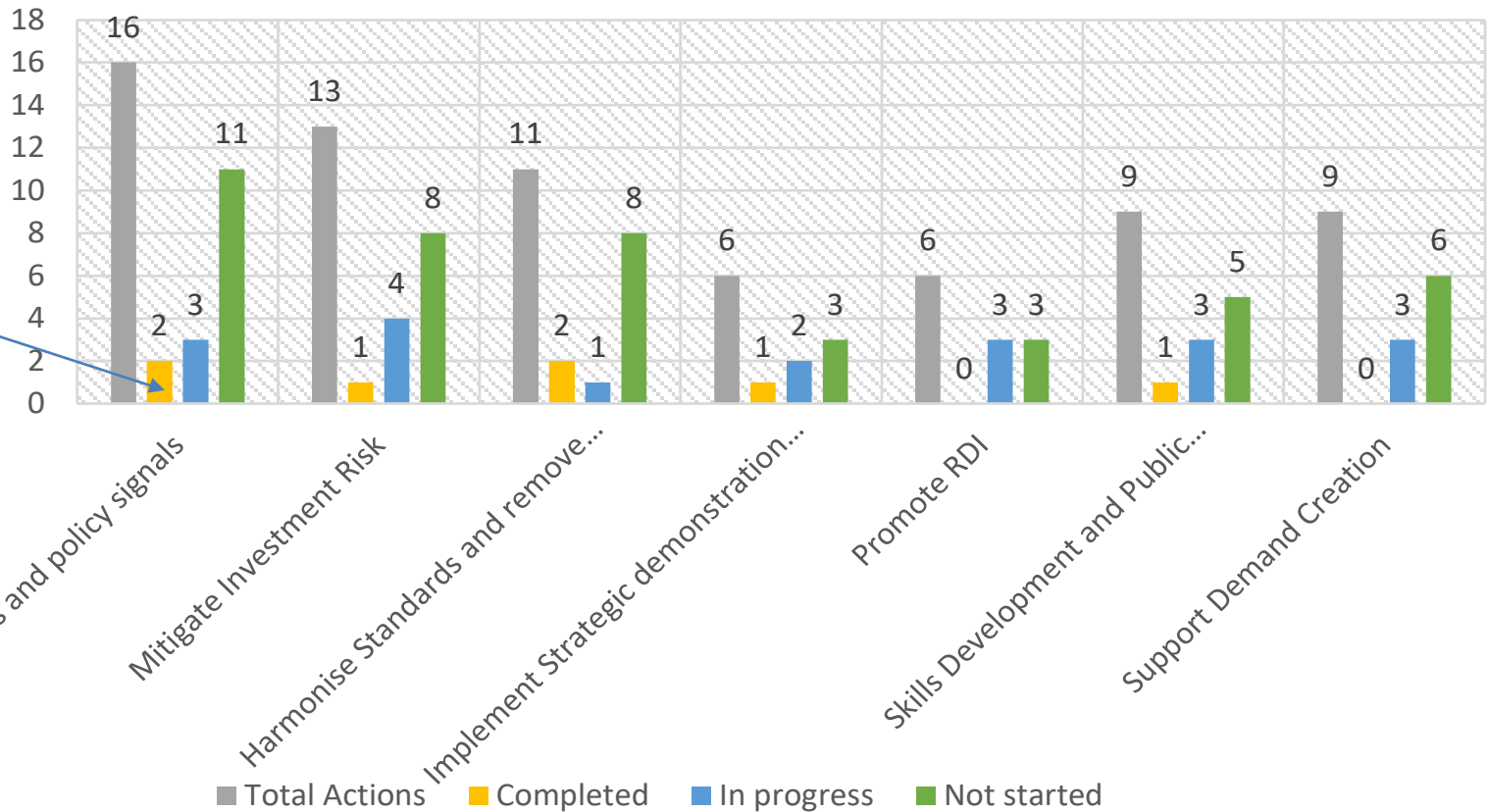
Strategic demonstration and deployment projects



Skills development and public awareness

# PROGRESS MADE IN IMPLEMENTING THE PRIORITY ACTIONS BASED ON THE IEA FRAMEWORK

## Progress Made in Implementing the HSRM Action Plan



**Enabling Policy**  
Just Transition Framework, Green Hydrogen Commercialisation Strategy

**Approval of SIPs**  
Nine (9) projects registered

**New catalytic projects**  
Sasolburg, Saldanha Bay



# APPROVED STRATEGIC INTEGRATED PROJECTS

Projects are recognized for their economic and social significance

- a. The Prieska Power Reserve in the Northern Cape
- b. The Ubuntu Green Energy Hydrogen Project in Northern Cape
- c. Boegoebaai Green Hydrogen Development Programme in the Northern Cape
- d. Atlantia Green Hydrogen in the Western Cape
- e. Upilanga Solar and Green Hydrogen Park in the Northern Cape
- f. Sasolburg Green Hydrogen Programme in the Free State
- g. SASOL HySHiFT (Secunda) in Mpumalanga
- h. HIVE Ammonia in the Eastern Cape
- i. Hydrogen Valley Programme of Anglo-American and their JV Partners (9 projects) along the Limpopo, Gauteng to KwaZulu-Natal Corridor

SIPs benefit from:

- Better Coordination
- Better access to resources through prioritization
- Faster Environmental approvals

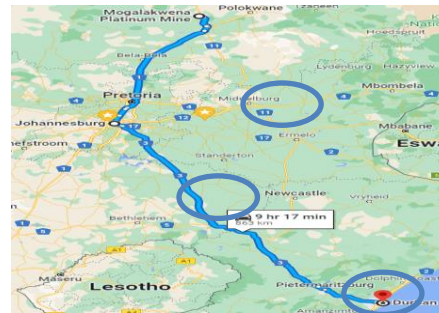
# CATALYTIC PROJECTS FROM THE HSRM AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

## CoalCO2-X™



- Coal fired flue gas conversion and use
- Local production of fertiliser salts and other chemicals,
- New economic opportunities to support just transition
- Emissions reduction.

## Platinum Valley



- Green hydrogen production and application hubs
- Decarbonisation of transport
- GDP contribution: USD3.9 bn to USD8.8 bn by 2050.
- 14 000 to 32 000 jobs per year by 2030.

## Boegoebaai SEZ



- Green Hydrogen and Green Ammonia for domestic use and for export
- Electrolyser Park
- Solar, wind and battery Park.

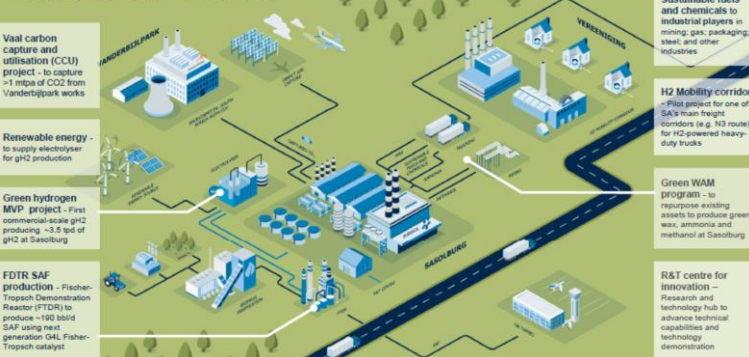
## Sustainable Aviation Fuels



- Local production of aviation fuels for domestic use and export
- Decarbonisation of the aviation sector
- Sasol Secunda as Hub.

## Sasolburg Green Hydrogen Hub

Converting CO2 into sustainable fuels to enable decarbonisation of other resident industrial players, supporting a Just Transition to a greener economy



- Carbon dioxide capture from Vanderbijlpark steel plant
- Sustainable carbon for aviation fuels production
- Research & innovation centre for technology testing and validation

## Saldanha green hydrogen and derivatives hub

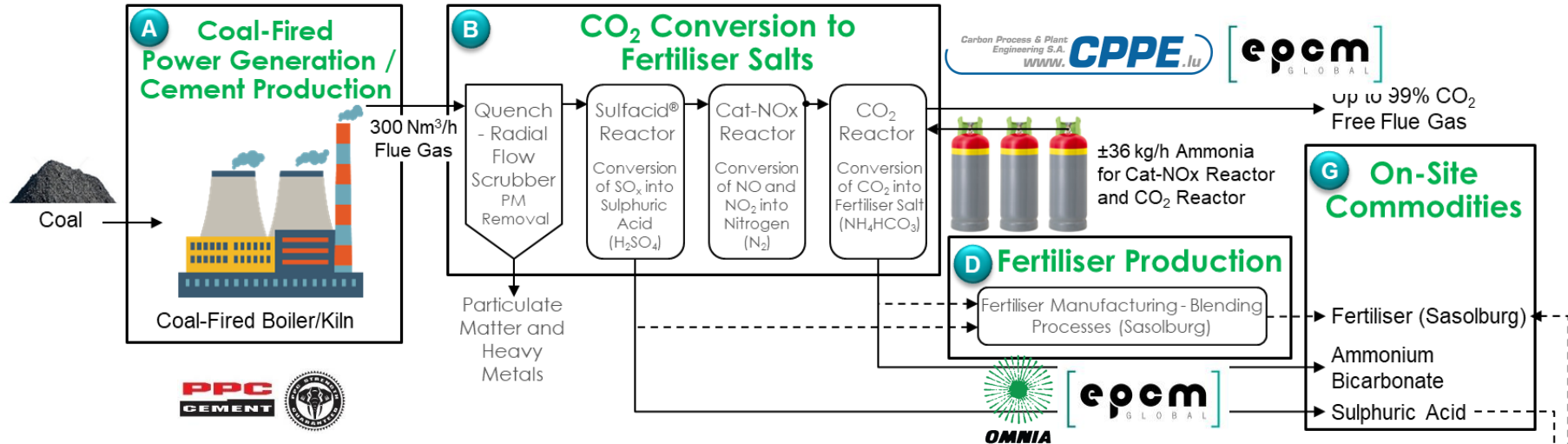
Developing a world-class, globally competitive, structurally advantaged green hydrogen and derivatives production hub to decarbonize local and international industry



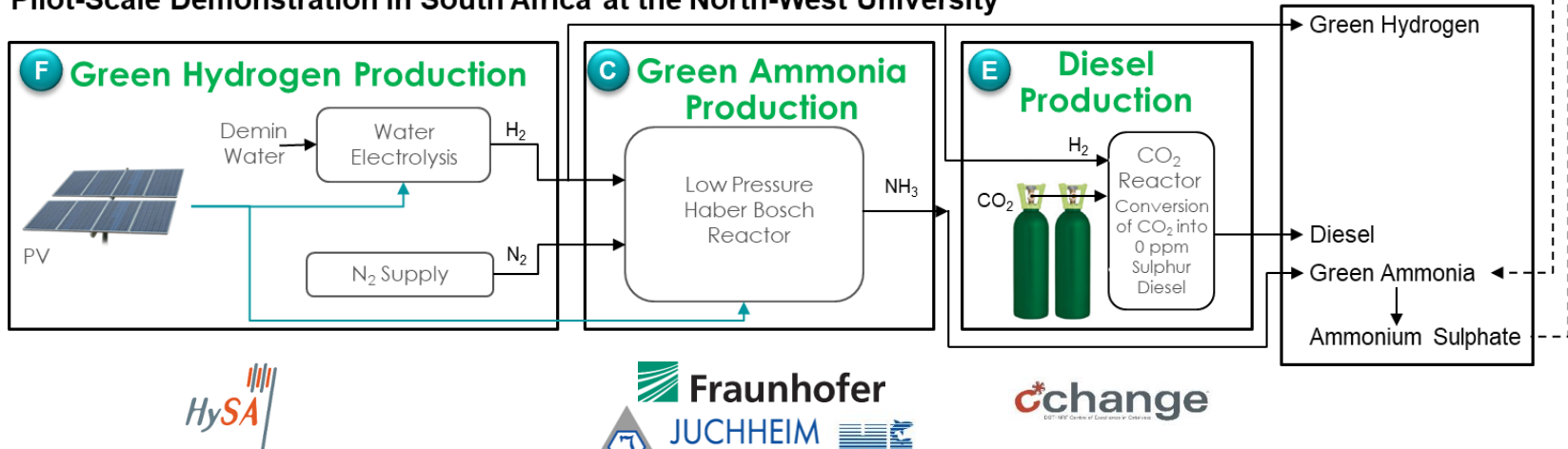
- Resuscitation of mothballed Saldanha steel works
- Green hydrogen production of 105 000 tonnes per yr. for green steel production

# Development and Pilot Demonstration of Local and International Intellectual Property

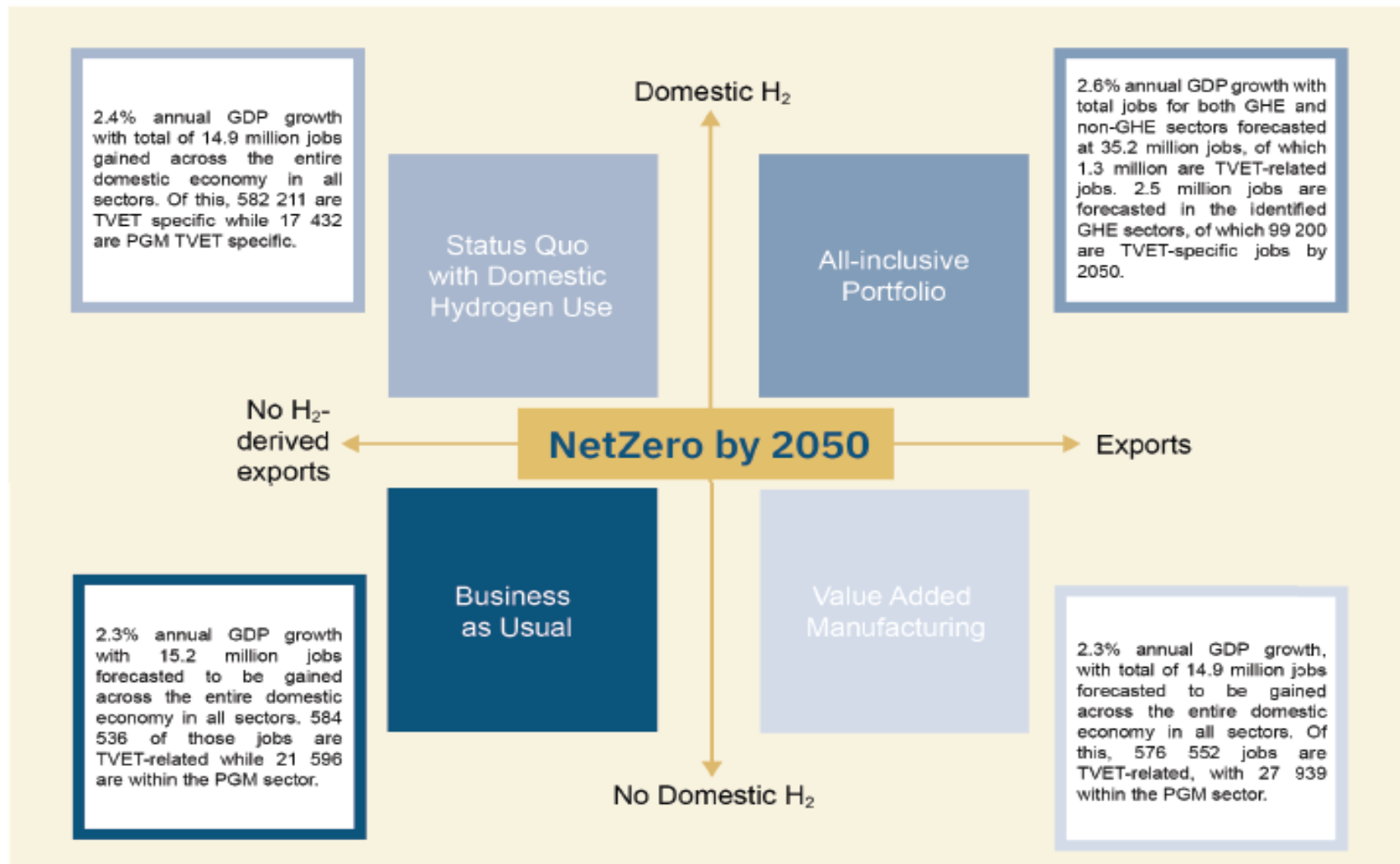
## Pilot-Scale Demonstrations in South Africa at a Coal-Fired Boiler and Commercial Fertiliser Factory



## Pilot-Scale Demonstration in South Africa at the North-West University



# SCENARIOS FOR A GREEN HYDROGEN ECONOMY IN SOUTH AFRICA



# THE ALL INCLUSIVE PORTFOLIO

Sector	Jobs 2030	Jobs 2040	Jobs 2050	TVET jobs 2030	TVET jobs 2040	TVET jobs 2050
Iron & steel	224 000	581 000	918 000	6 500	16 900	26 600
PGM mining	161 000	188 000	706 000	7 300	8 500	31 900
Power generation <sup>a</sup>	77 000	140 000	212 000	6 000	11 000	16 600
Fuel cells	<1 000	28 000	302 000	<100	900	9 700
Electrolysers	2 000	30 000	283 000	100	1 000	9 100
Ammonia	5 000	34 000	66 000	200	1 500	3 000
GH <sub>2</sub> production	1 000	26 000	52 000	<100	1 200	2 300
<b>SUBTOTAL for GHE sectors<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>470 000</b>	<b>1 027 000</b>	<b>2 539 000</b>	<b>20 300</b>	<b>41 000</b>	<b>99 200</b>
<b>Compared with South African economy at large</b>						
<b>TOTAL all sectors, (entire SA economy)<sup>c</sup></b>	<b>19 899 000<sup>d</sup></b>	<b>26 727 000<sup>e</sup></b>	<b>35 215 000<sup>f</sup></b>	<b>774 000</b>	<b>1 035 000</b>	<b>1 361 000</b>

a Numbers for power generation exclude thermal coal power generation, which employs resp. 11 (2030), 6 (2040), and 1 (2050) thousand persons, of which 0.9 (2030), 0.4 (2040), and 0.1 (2050) thousand were TVET-educated in the All-inclusive Portfolio.

b For 2020 we estimate that the mentioned 7 sectors (with power generation excl. thermal coal) employed 327 thousand people, of which 14.6 thousand were TVET-educated (for 2019 these numbers were respectively 388 and 17.4 thousand).

c The Total all sectors jobs refers to the entire SA economy and not only green hydrogen economy jobs. In 2020 the entire South African economy employed about 15.6 million people, of which about 610 thousand were TVET-educated.

d Total all full-time equivalent jobs (including TVET) in the entire South African economy by 2030.

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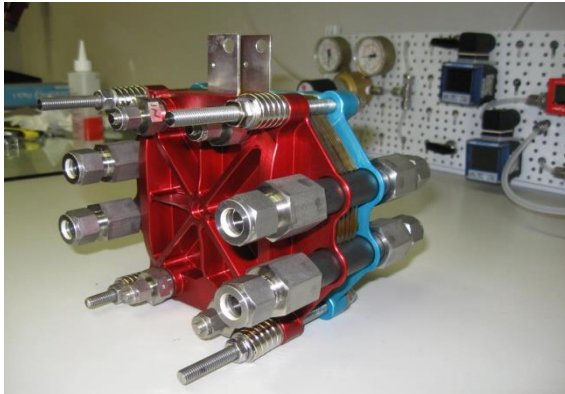
f Total all full-time equivalent jobs (including TVET) in the entire South African economy by 2050.

Source: Fadiel Ahjum et al., "Green Hydrogen and TVET Employment Prospects: An Assessment in a Context of Ambitious Decarbonisation for South Africa Towards 2050" (Working Paper, SAIIA-UK PACT and University of Cape Town, 2021)

# CASE FOR LOCALISATION

- ❑ **Government has supported the development of IP in key components such as:**
  - PGM based catalysts for fuel cells and electrolysers.
  - Membrane electrode assemblies (MEAs) for fuel cells and electrolysers used in green hydrogen production.
- ❑ **Commercialisation will be enhanced by the integration of the locally developed IP in all the projects, which would:**
  - Stimulate the local production of the balance of plant to support systems deployed locally and create more jobs in supporting industries.
  - Give higher reliability of the systems because of available local maintenance and support, as some of the systems will operate for >10 yrs.
  - Flexibility to modify systems for continued use, even after the systems have been phased out by original equipment manufacturers. MEAs are the most likely components to be replaced in the systems.
  - South Africa would be able to manufacture systems that are more adaptable to the local conditions and those found in the rest of the continent.

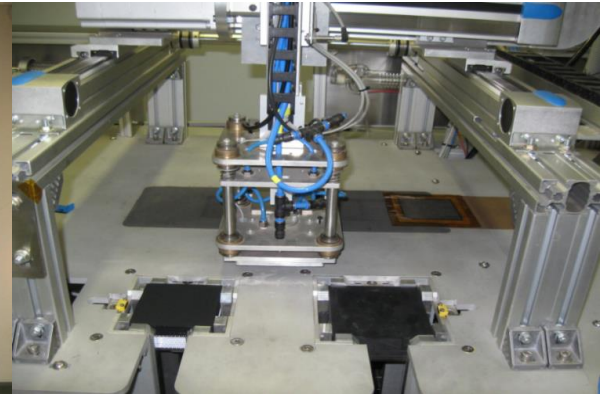
# COMPONENTS & TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT



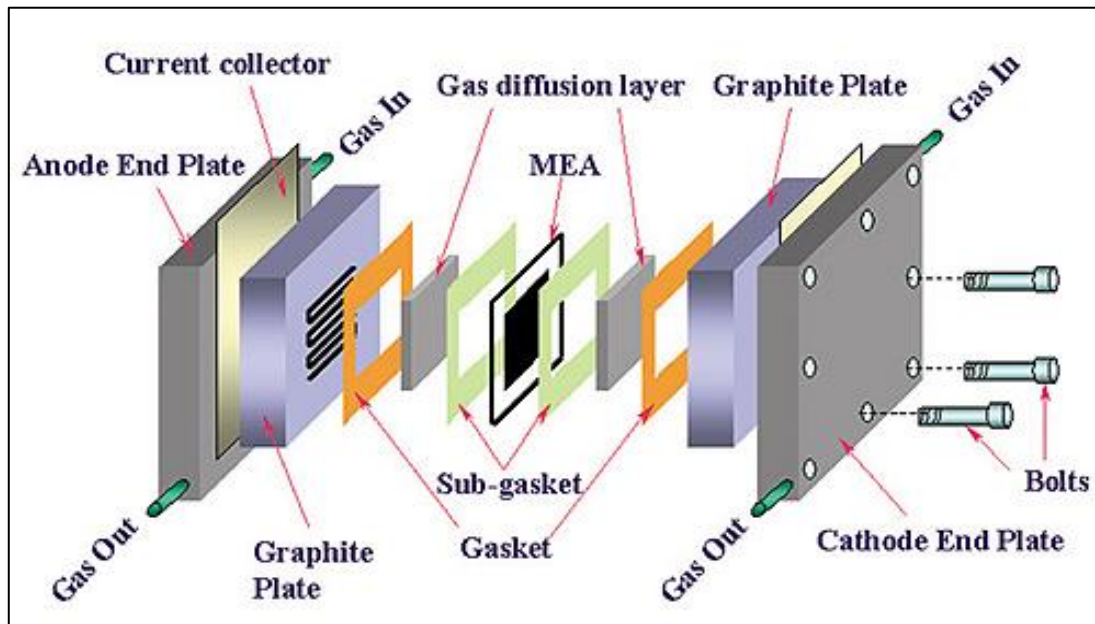
PEM fuel stack (HT)



Bipolar Plates

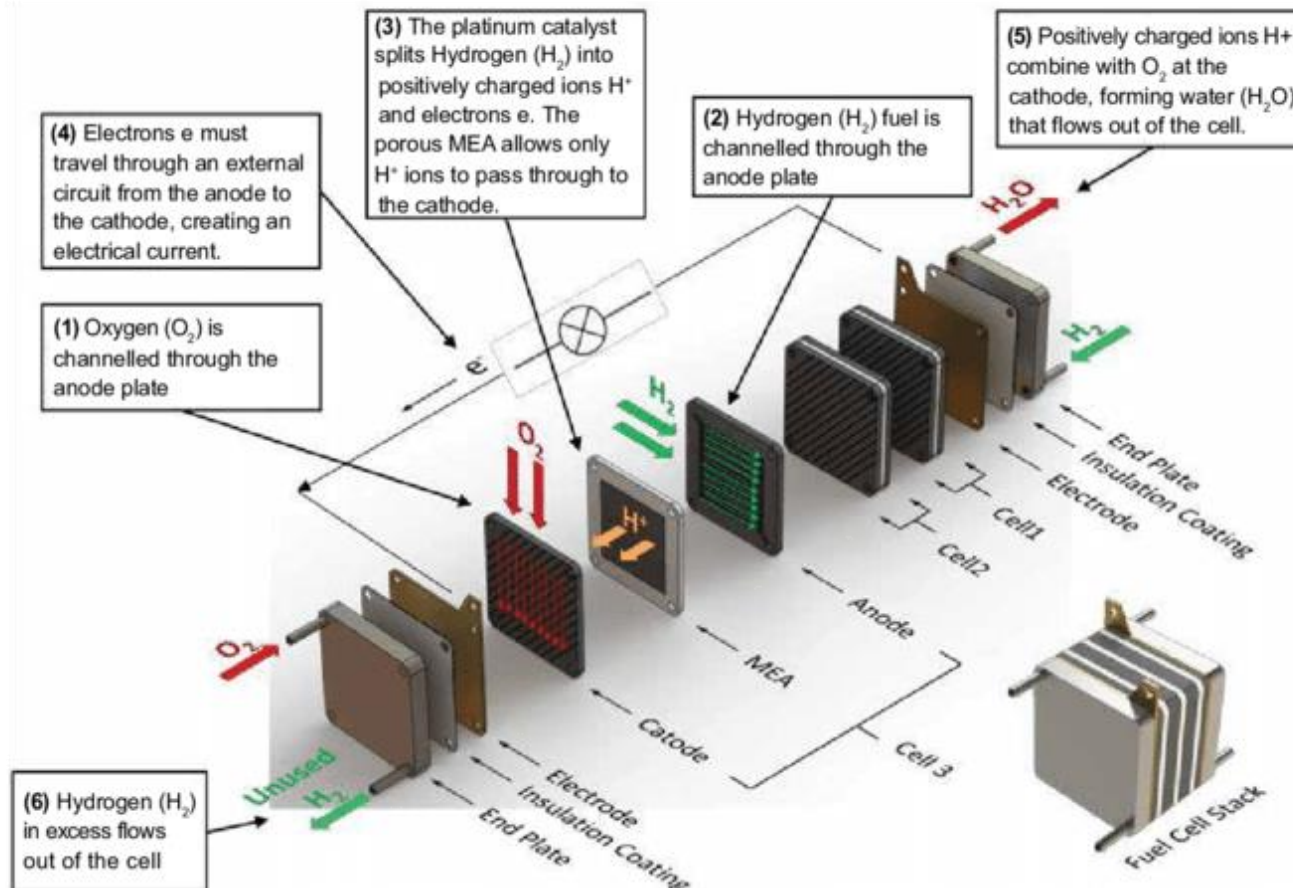


MEA pilot production line



# Localisation of fuel cells and electrolysers for domestic manufacturing

- ❑ Hydrogen South Africa has a patent portfolio for Membrane Electrode Assemblies (MEAs) and catalyst based on PGMs which can be commercialized through partnerships with Global OEMs.
- ❑ The uptake of electrolysers (at least 15 GW by 2040) should be sufficient to support local manufacturing





# SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION OF FUEL CELL DEPLOYMENTS FROM HYSA RDI PROGRAMME



Fuel Cell deployed to power learner equipment at Poelano Secondary School, Ventersdorp



Fuel Cell deployment to power COVID-19 facilities at 1 Military Hospital, Pretoria



Fuel Cell deployment to preserve vaccines Windsor at East Clinic, Randburg



Facility deployed to test hydrogen use in underground mining at North West University, Potchefstroom



Fuel Cell powered forklift and refueling infrastructure deployment at Impala Platinum Refineries, Springs



Fuel Cell powered scooters deployed at SAPO Head Office, Cape Town

Fuel Cell deployed to support the Kwadukuza Disaster Management Centre



Fuel Cell deployment to provide power to Cofimvaba Science Centre, Cofimvaba



Fuel Cell deployed at University of the Western Cape Nature Reserve, Cape Town

Planned fuel cell deployments at Masia Village, Limpopo, Mbizana Police Station in Eastern Cape.

Fuel Cells deployed to power learner equipment at Cofimvaba Schools



# Skills Development in support of the Hydrogen Economy

- Training programme launched by the Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation on 2 November 2020.
- A total of 25 TVET graduates and 9 professionals from government departments and municipalities participated in the training programme.
- Participants were trained on the operations, maintenance, and installation of stationary fuel cells.
- Three of the trainees from the Programme were offered employment contracts at the end of the 6-week course.
- More partnerships with both the public and private sector are required to scale up the training.



Partners at the launch of the Training Programme



Trainees at 1 Military Hospital for their practical Training

# LESSONS LEARNT IN FUNDING INNOVATIONS

- Consistent support from government through both policy and long-term funding commitment is key
- Regular and independent reviews based on international best practice and implementation of the review recommendations
- Participation in relevant international multilateral forums such as the IPHE is important for knowledge exchange and benchmarking
- Careful selection of the technology demonstration sites is key to increase public awareness and appreciation of the technology
- Collaboration between the public, private sector and academia is key to facilitate technology development, deployment and commercialization
- Commercialization is enhanced when anchored by locally developed IP
- Coordination of activities across the broader NSI is key to promote continued innovation.

# KEY MESSAGES

- ❑ South Africa aims to use its mineral endowment, renewable energy assets, land availability and local industry capabilities to create a globally competitive Hydrogen Economy as part of its Economic Reconstruction and Recovery Plan.
- ❑ In line with the JET-IP, South Africa can be rebranded as a destination for Sustainable Investment that incorporates environmental, societal and good governance (ESG) principles.
- ❑ Gender, Equality and Social Inclusion are at the core of the transition to a low carbon economy to tackle the triple challenges of poverty, inequality and unemployment.
- ❑ The approval by Cabinet to extend the Hydrogen South Africa RDI Programme is an indication that South Africa remains committed to contribute to the growth of the Global Hydrogen Economy
- ❑ Government has initiated engagements with private sector and international partners to design appropriate operating models for the effective implementation of the Hydrogen Society Roadmap.



1 Military Hospital Deployment August 2020



South African Post Office Fuel Cell powered scooters, 2019



Anglo American Platinum Fuel Cell powered Truck 2022

**Ro livhuwa  
Siyabonga  
Re a leboga  
Ha khensa  
Siyathokoza  
Enkosi  
Dankie  
Thank you**