

- Provide capacity ahead of demand
- Ensure sustainability of development plans
- Integrate port, rail and pipeline planning
- Align with national road and electricity supply planning
- Align with plans of other authorities
- Provide capacity through operational efficiencies before infrastructure provision
- Benchmark all developments internationally
- Provide reliable, safe and cost-effective freight handling services of a world class standard

- NEMA's definition of sustainability

... the integration of social, economic and environmental factors into planning, implementation and decision-making so as to ensure that development serves present and future generations"

National Environmental Management Act

- Principles informing Transnet's Sustainability Framework
 - Ensure sound accountability and governance.
 - Achieve economic returns greater than the cost of capital.
 - Develop world-class infrastructure.
 - Create a workplace where our people can excel.
 - Care for the communities in which we operate.
 - Manage the environment responsibly.

Transnet's strategy for Sustainable Development and Environmental Management is currently under development

- **Place people and their needs at the forefront of environmental management.**
 - Equitably serve physical, psychological, developmental, cultural and social interests.
- **Attain socially-, environmentally- and economically-sustainable development.**
- **Avoid disturbance of ecosystems and loss of biodiversity.**
 - Minimise and remedy unavoidable impacts.
- **Integrated environmental management.**
 - Acknowledge interlinking and inter-relatedness of environment.
 - Consider impacts of decisions on all aspects of environment and on all people in the environment.
- **Accept lifecycle responsibility for environmental health and safety consequences**
 - In terms of programs, projects, products, processes, services and activities.
- **Promote participation of all interested and affected parties.**
 - Provide opportunity to develop understanding, skills and capacity necessary for achieving equitable and effective participation.
 - Ensure participation by vulnerable and disadvantaged persons.
- **Consider, assess and evaluate social, economic and environmental impacts**
 - Include disadvantages and benefits.
- **Give specific attention to sensitive, vulnerable, highly dynamic or stressed ecosystems.**
 - Such as coastal shores, estuaries, wetlands, and similar systems.