

## **POSTPONEMENT OF NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK 2009 (NSW2009) LAUNCH AND ROLL-OUT**

NSW2009 was scheduled to take place from 9 – 16 May 2009 preceded by a National launch on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May 2009.

This year NSW2009 coincides with the establishment of South Africa's new administration. In implementing the National Science Week (NSW), the Department of Science and Technology (DST) depends on the work of various tiers of Government. Some of these stakeholders have approached DST requesting a postponement to allow the establishment of the new administration to be concluded. These requests also take into consideration that the country will be largely focused on the establishment of the new administration during this time.

It is against this background that the leadership of DST took a decision to postpone the roll-out of NSW2009 to either August or September 2009. This is viewed as a special change for 2009 only.

The new dates for the National Launch and the Focus Week will be communicated on this website in due course.