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Dear Colleagues

**RE: NRF Repositories and Databases**

Over the past few years, the Knowledge Management Corporate (KMC) directorate, through the team leader responsible for repositories and databases (Mr Matizirofa), has been engaging the research community on enhancements to the NEXUS system. The 'new' NEXUS aimed to expand the collection of Master's and Doctoral thesis and dissertations.

The NRF is currently preparing to develop the organisational strategy for the next 5 to 10 years and in this regard, we are reviewing our approach to the provision of databases and repositories in support of the research community.

The NEXUS database is under review in the context of certain key considerations relating to data quality, integrity, security, etc. For this reason, the NRF is halting all activities relating to the NEXUS and SADA databases, until an inclusive decision is taken on the future and direction of such service offerings. In the interim, the databases will remain accessible to the research community. However, new data loads will not be accommodated.

For any urgent queries, please contact the Executive Director responsible for ICT & Knowledge Resources, Ms Faranah Osman ([repositories@nrf.ac.za](mailto:repositories@nrf.ac.za)). Your understanding and support is sincerely appreciated.

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