**Headline: Profile of environmental coordinator: Victoria Botha**

An environmental coordinator plays an important role in the preservation of the environment. They are responsible for researching, formulating, and implementing the environment policies.

From humble beginnings as an intern with SANRAL, Victoria Bota’s career has blossomed into a permanent role as Environmental Coordinator in SANRAL’s Northern Region.

She was a recipient of a bursary from SANRAL to pursue her studies in Environmental Geography at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University. Prior to this, she had concentrated on Environmental Studies at the Walter Sisulu University in Mthatha in the Eastern Cape.

Some of her tasks include planning meetings to discuss the development of new roads; reviewing and providing input on environmental impact assessment processes and reports; coordinating planned site inspections with authorities and following up on outstanding documents for various projects.

Victoria has been privileged to work on landmark projects such as the construction of Nelspruit Ring Road and Warrenton Bridge over the Vaal Dam. Reflecting back on environmental concerns and challenges on these projects, she now expresses delight over what was once a drawing on paper being realised into road infrastructure to be proud of.

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