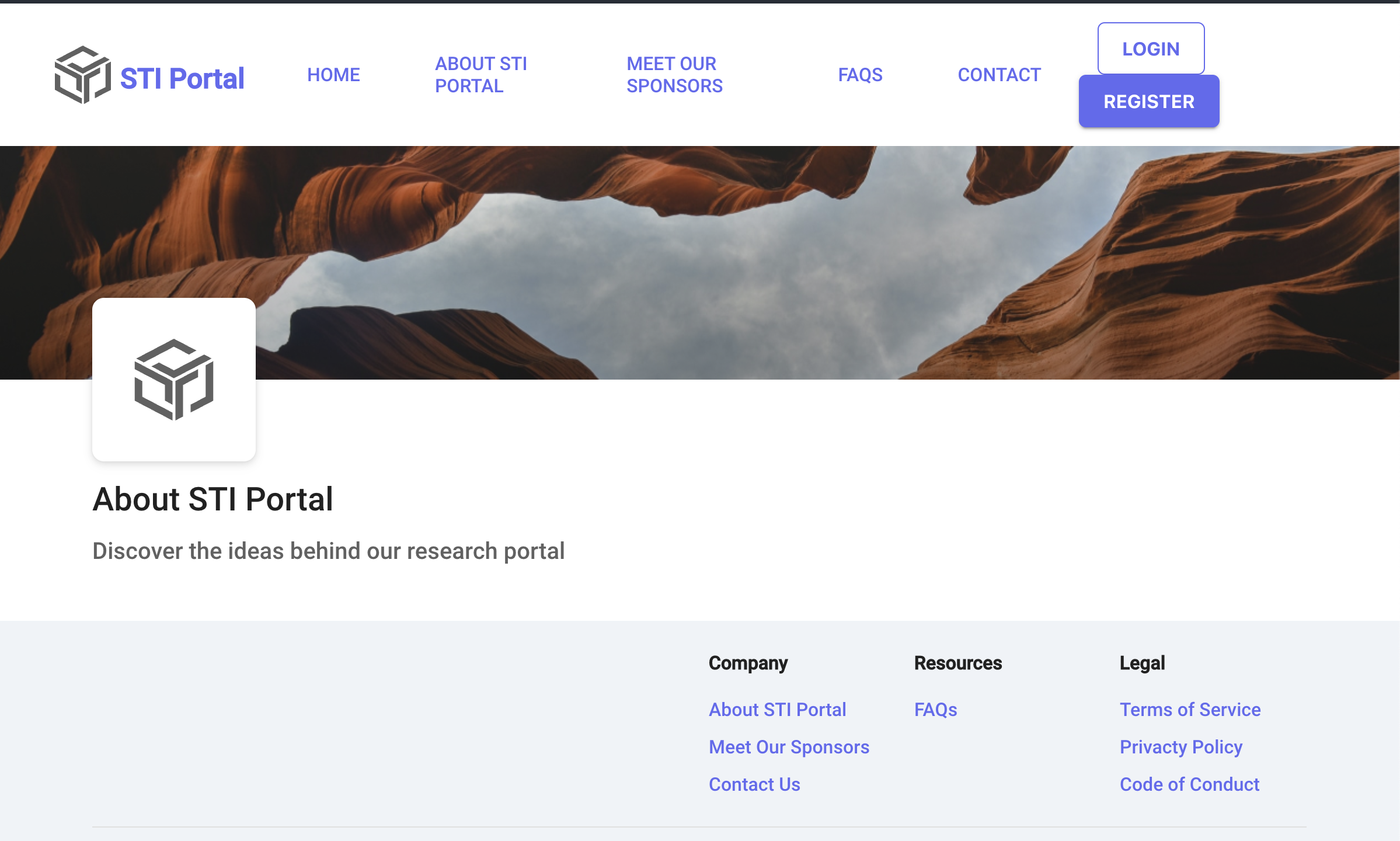


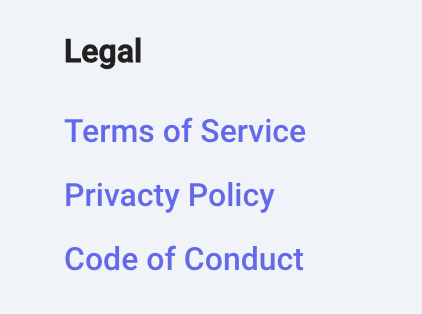
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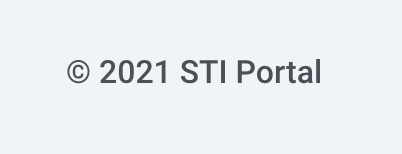
* NRF and DSI logos probably bottom left but we need to find out from Corp Comms
* Graphs are nice but where’s the ‘science’? need to find something that includes that with maybe being part of ‘Africa’
* Change: Visualize the research data your audience deserves to see to something like  
    
  African Science, Technology and Innovation Data
* Change: Welcome to ASTI portal. The most trusted source for collaboration research. To read  
    
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* I think the little logo for the portal should have a bit of Africa in it

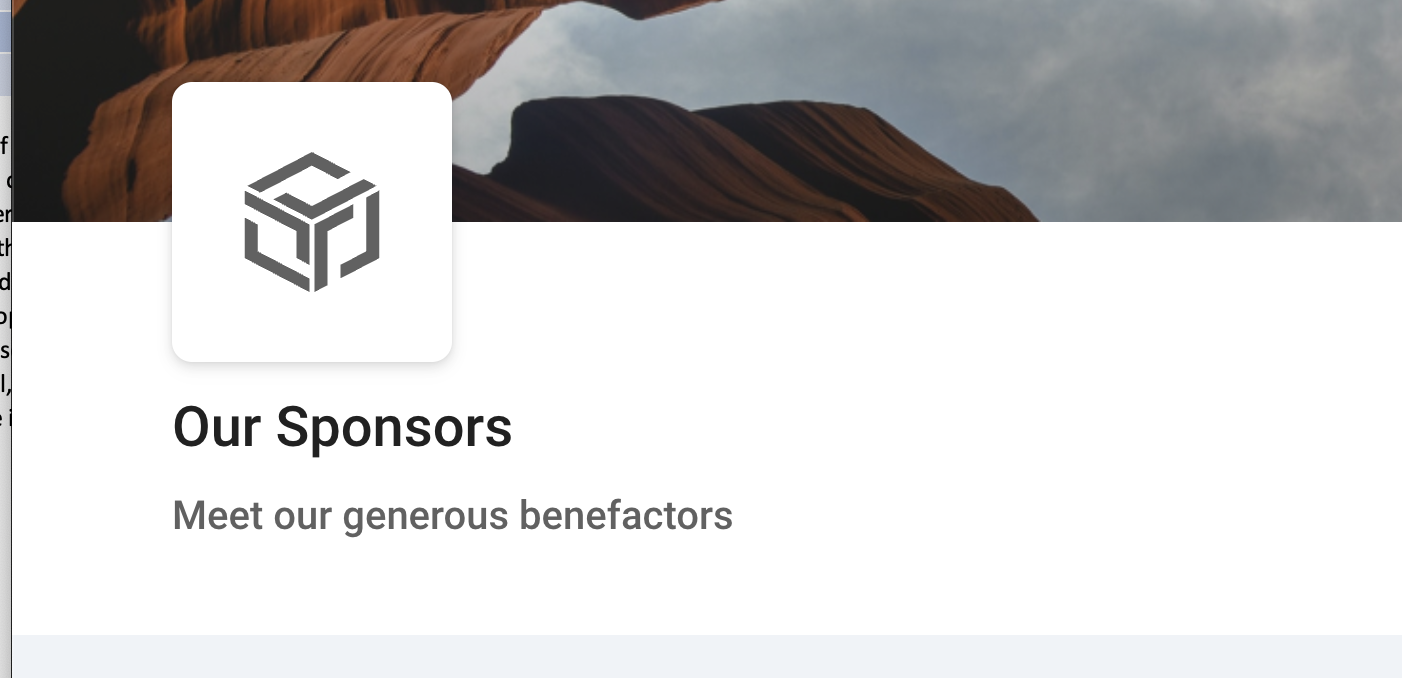


* I think you should change it to ASTI because there are other portals in Asia etc with similar names. And the little logo should have something of Africa to distinguish it from others.
* The text under ‘About the ASTI Portal’ should be:  
    
  The African Science, Technology and Innovation Portal is a South African initiative of the Department of Science and Innovation (DSI) and the National Research Foundation (NRF). It brings together statistics on science, technology and innovation from the African continent and it compares those with other countries in the world.

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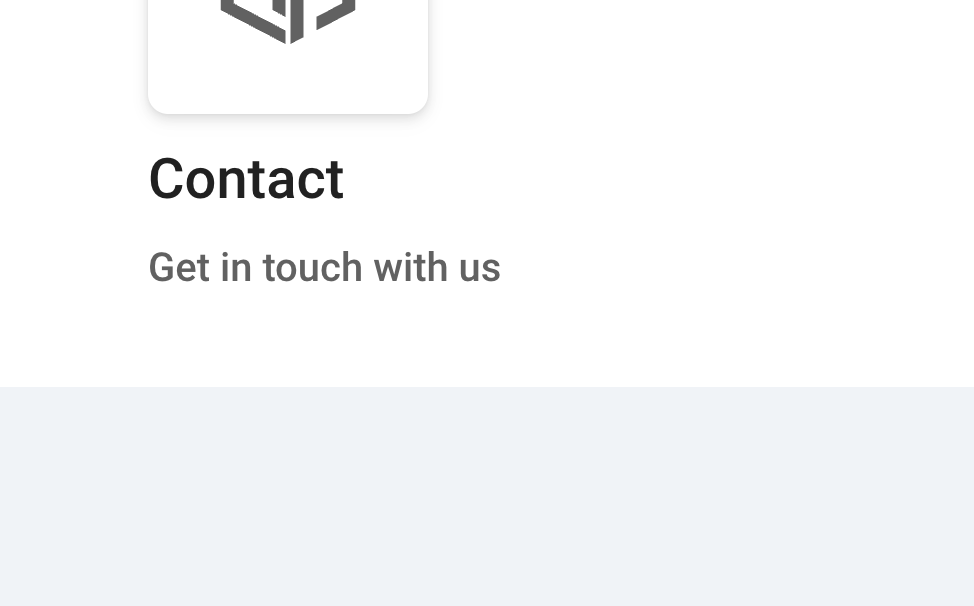
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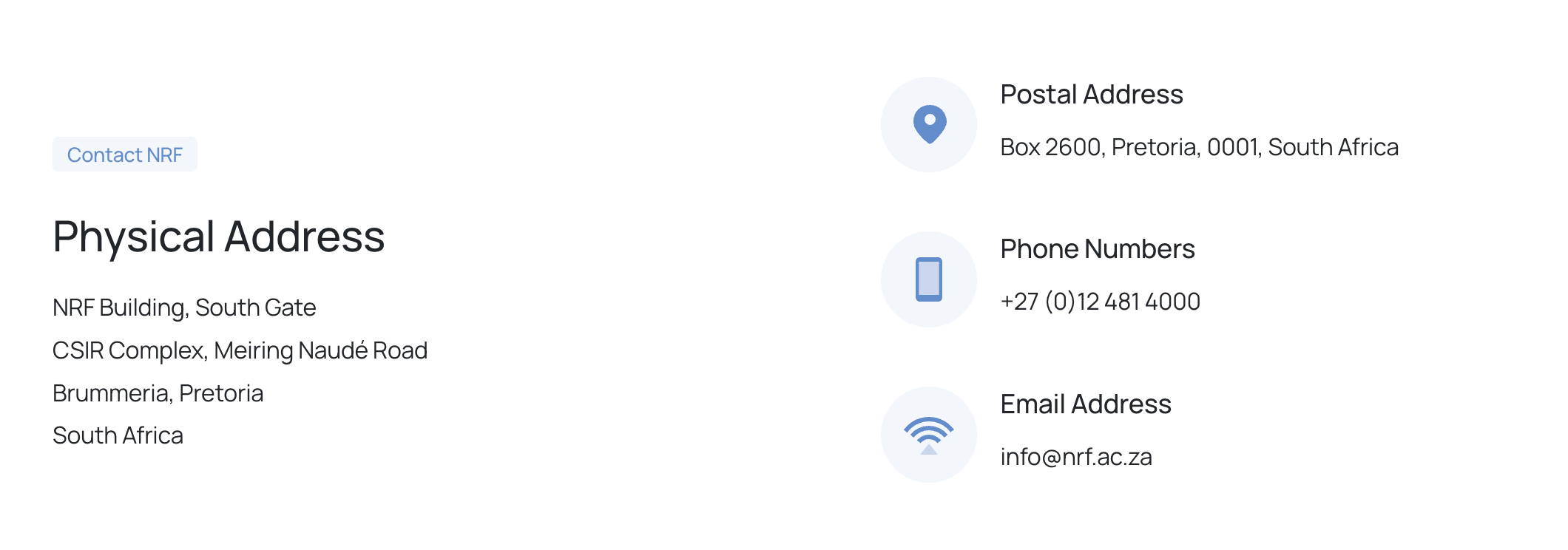
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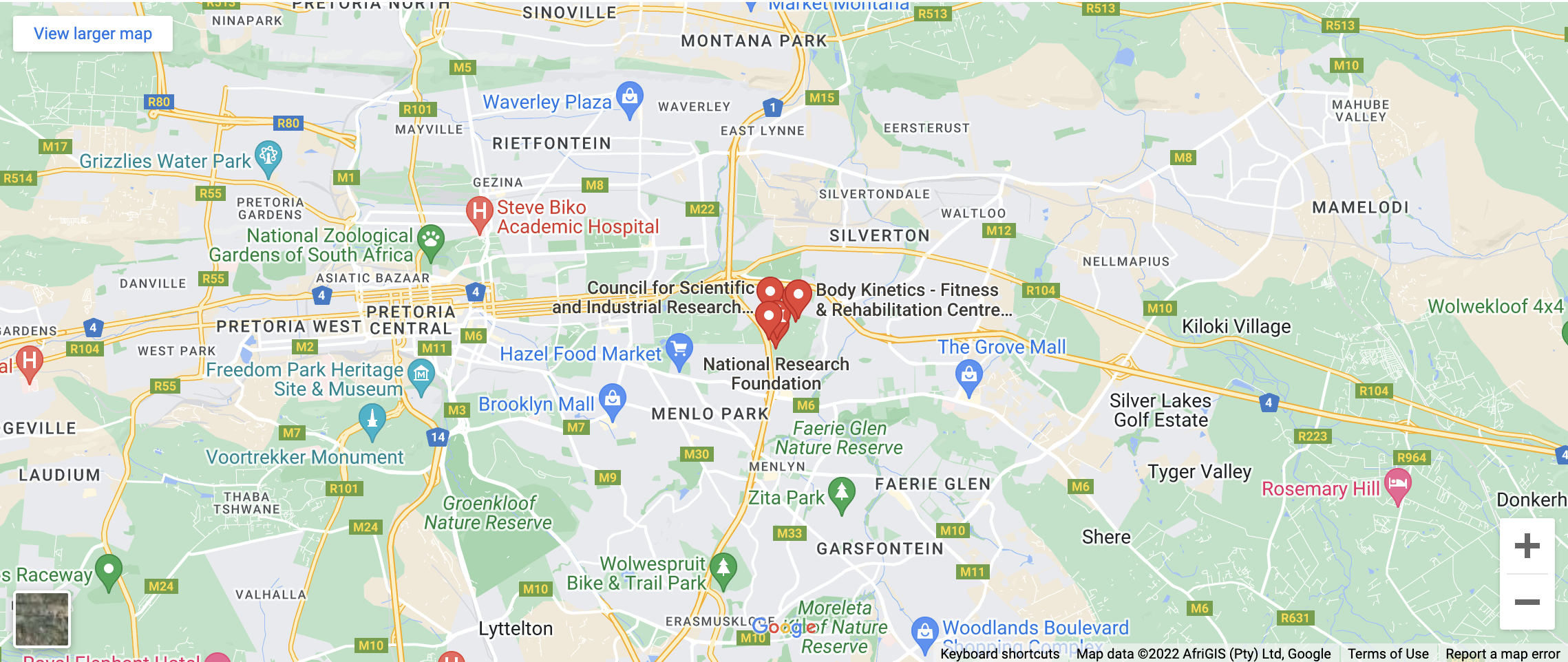
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You can take this from Googlemaps

Perhaps we can have here a way of sending a msg to the Portal by entering name, affiliation and topic/question

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