



PRESS RELEASE

ENERGY ISSUES IN AFRICA UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK AT ENERGY INDABA 2010

Supported by the South African Department of Energy, receiving global recognition as an official World Energy Council endorsed event, boasting over 50 local and international speakers, and featuring a showcase of innovative technology as part of the accompanying exhibition, the ENERGY INDABA 2010 is set to deliver groundbreaking conclusions for energy supply on the continent when it takes place on February 24-26, 2010 at the Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg.

“In order for Africa to take a united stand on energy, there is the need for countries on the continent to collaborate so that more households have access to energy, so that businesses – and prospective investors – have a greater sense of security for supply issues, and so that the continent as a whole can join the global community in tackling climate change and sustainable development,” says Liz Hart, Managing Director of Siyenza Management, the organizers of the ENERGY INDABA. “The ENERGY INDABA provides the place for leaders and decision-makers in this industry sector to debate and exchange ideas to achieve an outcome that is practical for Africa and specific for its needs.”

The second annual energy event features a conference on February 24-25, 2010, and an exhibition and a business matchmaking programme from February 24-26, 2010. The exhibition is open to the public.

Key points for the ENERGY INDABA 2010:

- The African Region of the World Energy Council will host its annual African Regional Meeting alongside the ENERGY INDABA 2010 on February 23, 2010. This will be led by Dr Latsoucabé Fall of the World Energy Council, Africa.
- Themed ‘Energising Africa’, this year’s conference programme features some of the most hotly contested and current issues in energy today, namely global energy trends, nuclear, energy efficiency, human capital development, climate change and the legal implications of energy.
- Some of the keynote speakers at the ENERGY INDABA 2010 are: Jerry Vilakazi, CEO of Business Unity South Africa; Ms Ditebogo Kgomo, Head of Nuclear SA at the Department of Energy; Kannan Lakmeeharan, MD of the Systems Operations and Planning Division at Eskom; Dr Robert Schock, World Energy Council and Thulani Gcabashe of BuiltAfrica Holdings.
- The ENERGY INDABA 2010 is an energy neutral event - the ENERGY INDABA will purchase carbon credits from local environmental sustainable company, impactChoice to offset the venue’s total electricity consumption

- For the first time ever, the ENERGY INDABA will host a Business Matchmaking Programme, a networking opportunity for delegates, exhibitors and sponsors to meet, explore new business partnerships and exchange ideas on a one-on-one basis
- Professional engineers will obtain Continuing Professional Development (CDP) credits by the South African Institute of Electrical Engineers for their attendance at the conference

For further information on the ENERGY INDABA 2010, please visit www.energyafricaexpo.com or contact Siyenza Management on +27 (11) 463 9184

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ENERGY INDABA 2010: A Time of Change

A Time for Innovation, Solutions and Alternatives is the event theme chosen by the Steering Programme Advisory Committee for ENERGY INDABA 2010. The flagship African energy event is an annual event on the Africa business calendar with a specific focus on exploring solutions for a new energy future for Africa. With the recent ever increasing world-wide attention to Energy, ENERGY INDABA 2010 provides an ideal platform to encourage debate as well as creating the stage for a networking climate conducive for companies and individuals to interact. The event forms part of the African business calendar, which will promote sustainable development initiatives across the African continent.

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