

DEBATING SOLUTIONS FOR AFRICA'S ENERGY CRISIS

PRESS RELEASE

A year has past since the energy crisis hit South Africa in January 2008, which resulted in a crippling effect on the local economy. Africa is in dire need of practical, viable and implementable solutions that will make use of the abundant resources available and to harness these for the benefit of the continent. These may include the exploration of renewable and alternate energy resources.

In light of this, an Energy Solutions for Africa Conference and Exhibition hosted by Siyenza Management in partnership with the Business Unity South Africa (BUSA) is taking place at the Sandton Convention Centre, in Johannesburg, South Africa from the 28th - 29th of January 2009. The conference aims to provide a unique platform for ambassadors from African countries in both public and private sectors to debate, develop solutions and collaborate with one another in order to share best practices.

Energy Africa will become an annual event on the African business calendar with a specific focus on exploring solutions for a new energy future for Africa and will become the internationally recognized energy event for Africa. The Energy Conference & Exhibition is a unique & focused business forum that will provide the ideal networking climate for companies and individuals to interact with the latest technology trends available globally. The conference will provide you with updated information from local as well as international sources on all key solutions for addressing Africa's energy requirements as well as the challenges and opportunities facing the industry.

By attending the energy conference you will gain valuable knowledge on current trends regarding energy across the African continent with input from global authorities and obtain information on how government and business leaders plan to address the energy challenge in Africa.

Speakers include:

- Brian Statham, Chairman, South African National Energy Association;
- Reynold Duncan, Lead Energy Specialist at the World Bank
- Arthur Hanna, Industry Managing Director of Accenture's Energy Practice

The Energy Solutions for Africa Conference will focus on the following topics:

- The state of Global Energy Security
- Scenarios for our energy future
- The role of energy policy in creating security of energy supplies
- International relations & energy: The politics of energy
- The Political Economies of global energy
- Global energy Infrastructure required for the future
- The future of energy: Growth spurts or growing pains?
- Energy Finance for the 21st Century

Additional workshops will encompass:

- Green energy & climate change
 - Alternative energy Resources – the way forward
 - Diversification of energy resources, i.e. Hydro, wind, nuclear, gas
 - The Economics of Sustainable Energy Systems
 - International Energy Management trends & the way forward for Africa
 - Diversification of energy Supplies, i.e. Lesotho, Angola
 - Development of energy resources: challenges for Africa and action plans
- renewable energy

"Energy for Development Energisation and Rural Development."

- Investments in energy Sector, potential for African development
- Linkages between energy and development strategies across Africa

Case Studies include:

- Small Scale and Renewable Energy Projects in Africa
- Renewable: sustainable production, efficient and clean transformation of biomass, solar, wind, and hydro