

South Africa: The Department Of Trade And Industry And The South African Electrotechnical Export Council To Host African Delegation During The 2018 Africa Energy Indaba Conference

The Department of Trade and Industry (the dti) through Trade Invest Africa, in partnership with the South African Electrotechnical Export Council (SAEEC) will host a high level delegation from several African countries to participate at the annual Africa Energy Indaba Conference that is set to take place at the Sandton Convention Centre, from 20-21 February 2018.

The Africa Energy Indaba Conference is a signature event on the African business calendar focussing primarily on convening relevant and strategic international and local stakeholders to discuss and explore solutions for Africa's energy challenges. The solutions emerge from a combination of discussion and debating platforms provided by the Indaba to participating African governments and companies.

The African delegation set to participate at this year's conference hail from Kenya, Mozambique, South Sudan and Zambia.

The Minister of Trade and Industry, Dr Rob Davies outlines that support for these delegates to participate is in recognition of the diverse audience provided by the Indaba. He adds that these delegates will meet with leading South African manufacturers and suppliers of energy-related products and services. "This delegation will comprise high ranking officials from state-owned enterprises such as energy regulators and commissioners and will visit leading South African manufacturers and suppliers of energy-related products and services as part of the mission. The overall objective is to support and facilitate intra-African trade and investments to address the continent's energy requirements" adds Davies.

Delegates will participate on focused and strategic meetings programme which compliments the Indaba agenda that fits both the profile and requirements of each delegate.

It is estimated that \$40.8 billion a year is still needed to meet Africa's power sector needs and the 2018 Indaba will highlight solutions involving major urban and rural energy projects, urbanisation and related energy needs, and renewable and sustainable energy programmes aligned to the continent's power needs. Furthermore, the Indaba will expose new project opportunities in renewable and thermal technologies and South Africa's Renewable Energy Power Producer's Procurement Programme, the latter being a significant stimulant of investment in various technologies across the continent.

The Indaba audience will consist of African ministries, utilities and regulators, financiers, development finance institutions, banks, investors, project developers and project owners, energy supply companies, service providers and renewable technology providers, law and consulting firms, business development managers as well as economists and policy makers.

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