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SOUTH AFRICA TO HOST FIRST INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY CONFERENCE IN AFRICA

PRETORIA, August 31, 2015 - South Africa will host the International Renewable Energy Conference (IREC) in October 2015.

The first such conference to take place on African soil, the free registration South African International Renewable Energy Conference (SAIREC), takes place at the Cape Town International Convention Centre, Cape Town, South Africa from 4 – 7 October 2015.

“South Africa is privileged to have been selected to host this important event and we are ready to chart the way forward for this sector with like-minded countries that realise the benefits of investing in renewable energy. We believe that the renewable energy value chain offers solutions for increasing energy access, security of supply, emissions reduction, sustainable development and trust that this conference will contribute to the advancement of this sector in South Africa, Africa and around the world,” says South African Minister of Energy Ms Tina Joemat-Pettersson.

South Africa’s Department of Energy will host SAIREC 2015 in conjunction with the South African National Energy Development Institute (SANEDI), the Renewable Energy Policy Network for the 21st Century (REN21) and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

SAIREC 2015 is the sixth in a series of global conferences. Previous hosts include: Bonn - Germany (2004); Beijing - China (2005); Washington - USA (2008); Delhi - India (2010) and Abu Dhabi - UAE (2013).

Comprising a conference, an exhibition and a series of side events, SAIREC, will be a global platform for the advancement of renewable energy. We have invited Ministers internationally to attend the conference alongside renewable energy leaders in government, the private sector and civil society.

Under the theme, RE-energising Africa, SAIREC will demonstrate why Africa is the business destination for the renewables energy sector given its current growth trajectory and need for investment in clean energy to underpin sustainable economic growth.

SAIREC 2015 provides Africa with a unique opportunity to showcase its nascent renewable energy industry and gain experience from those countries at the forefront of renewable energy deployment. We encourage South Africans and the continent at large to take full advantage of our hosting of this important event. We are ready to showcase the successes we have achieved thus far with respect to the Renewable Energy Independent Power Producers Programme and other Green Projects”

We look forward to the first IREC to be held in Africa. SAIREC 2015 provides a global platform for government ministers, high-level decision makers from the public and the private sector, experts, specialists and thought leaders, as well as civil society, to discuss and exchange their vision, experiences and solutions to accelerate the global scale-up of renewable energy. Over the past decade these conferences have provided the motivation for several momentous initiatives including the Chinese Renewable Energy Law (BIREC 2005) and the India Solar Mission (DIREC 2010)”.

For more information and for free registration please visit: www.sairec.org.za.

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