

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **REGISTRATION CLOSURE FOR THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE ENERGY CONFERENCE IN AFRICA – 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**

**PRETORIA, September 25, 2015** – Registration for the first International Renewable Energy Conference (IREC) to be held on African was extended to September 25<sup>th</sup> and is due to close at midnight today.

“The Department of Energy is excited at the huge response that we have received to the 1<sup>st</sup> International Renewable Energy Conference (IREC) to be hosted on the African continent since the inception of the conferences in 2004. We are proud to host the South African International Renewable Energy Conference (SAIREC), which takes place at the Cape Town International Convention Centre, from 4 – 7 October. For more information on how to register by the end of this day or details about the exhibition, interested parties should go to [www.sairec.org.za](http://www.sairec.org.za),” said Mokgadi Modise, Chief Director for Clean Energy at the Department of Energy.

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

SAIREC 2015 is the sixth in a series of global conferences. Previous hosts are: 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, is a global platform for the advancement of renewable energy. Drawing from a pool of an estimated 140 ministers from around the world, the conference is expected to host a number of high level guests and participants, alongside

renewable energy leaders in government, the private sector and civil society. So far more than 100 international high level speakers have also been confirmed for the 3-day conference, which will end with site visits to renewable energy power projects in and around Cape Town on the fourth day.

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

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