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8TH CLEAN ENERGY MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE AND 2ND BRICS ENERGY MINISTERIAL MEETINGS; BEIJING, JUNE 2017

Minister Mmamoloko Kubayi participated at the 8th Clean Energy Ministerial Conference (CEM8) in Beijing from the 6th to the 8th of June 2017. The Clean Energy Ministerial Conference brings together 25 countries with the purpose of deliberation over matters of common interest on areas of clean energy development. South Africa is one of the countries constituting the Clean Energy Ministerial.

The purpose of the CEM8 is for the various participating countries to share their experiences, lobbying, initiatives and programmes in the renewable energy sector and energy efficiency space, in line with their efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to make the transition to a low carbon economy.

Having acceded to the Paris Agreement, South Africa is also keen to learn from the best practices that would assist us in meeting our energy objectives, including improving our energy security, creating jobs, localization of technologies, increasing access to energy, reducing water consumption, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving energy efficiency and diversifying the energy mix.

On the side lines of CEM8, BRICS Energy Ministers meeting was convened. The BRICS Energy Ministers reiterated their belief that renewable and clean energy, research and development of new technologies and energy efficiency can constitute an important driver to promote sustainable development, create new economic growth and reduce energy costs. The Ministers agreed to explore the feasibility of establishing a BRICS Energy Research Cooperation Platform on the basis on which member countries can carry out joint studies on the energy cooperation potential and fully take advantage of each country's strength in resources, markets, funds, technologies and capabilities. The next BRICS Energy Ministerial Meeting will be held in South Africa in 2018.

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In line with our commitment to restarting new intergovernmental agreements on nuclear programme, Minister Kubayi held bilateral discussions with heads of delegations of some nuclear vendor countries such as France, China and Russia that availed themselves for opportunity on broader nuclear cooperation matters.

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