



SANERI to host REEEP Secretariat for Southern Africa

REEEP International is pleased to inform regional stakeholders of the appointment of the South African National Energy Research Institute as the new co-ordinating organization for the REEEP Secretariat for Southern Africa. SANERI takes over the reigns from the hands of AGAMA Energy which has fulfilled the role of regional co-ordination for REEEP activities in the region since the establishment of REEEP in October 2003. REEEP looks forward to collaborating and building on the existing relationship it has had with SANERI in the past. Kadri Nassiep, the CEO of SANERI, has represented Southern Africa on the REEEP Programme Board since September 2007.

Biofuels feature prominently in Southern African debates on Sustainable Energy Production

While Biofuels are considered a viable alternative source of energy to some, prominent criticisms of the Biofuels industry suggest that Biofuels contribute to rising global food prices and accelerate global warming through deforestation as recently highlighted at the UN Food Summit in Rome. With poverty eradication being a huge global challenge at present, these concerns are indeed justified. However, relevant stakeholders need to engage these issues and establish sustainable solutions namely, to support biofuels energy production that is sustainable and which helps to alleviate poverty, rather than exacerbating it by increasing food prices.

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South Africa in need of a Renewable Energy Summit

The Renewable Energy industry was worth nearly \$150bn globally in 2007 and is set to grow to \$450bn by 2012 according to UNEP. In the process, it is creating millions of green jobs and helping economies become independent of imported fuel, while shifting energy provision to a low-carbon path in accordance with the demands of climate change. In a context of ever-rising fuel prices (for oil, coal, gas and uranium), fuel-free renewable energy is also the only option for reliably capping a rise in energy costs over the long term.

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Are you part of a local sustainable energy project that's inspirational, innovative, and worthy of international recognition? Do you know of one? The Ashden Awards for Sustainable Energy are seeking inspirational and innovative local sustainable energy projects based in countries with developing economies.

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