

## Discussions to be Held at the AEI 2020

**Africa Energy Indaba 2020** to host synergistic discussions, unleashing insights and catalysing business opportunities that will pave the way for a more secure energy landscape across Africa

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**Johannesburg, 18 January 2020;** Prevalent topics with particular reference to Africa's energy sphere, are set to form the core of discussions at the 12th **Africa Energy Indaba**. Interactive dialogues and key outcomes emanating from these themes will provide business growth opportunities for Africa's energy sector and inspire the necessary transformation within this realm. Various thought-provoking session themes involve the following:

What African energy ministers are doing to stimulate investment in the energy sectors of their countries. African leaders are proactively striving to improve aspects relating to three core dimensions: energy security, energy equity (accessibility and affordability), and environmental sustainability of energy systems, all of which require funding. The upcoming event will unpack integrated strategic endeavours that governments plan to implement to offer significant catalytic ramifications for long-term investment prospects across Africa's energy sectors.

Africa's energy transition requires innovative financing mechanisms to unlock Africa's extensive renewable energy potential and increase inclusive and sustainable development thereof. Forums have been intricately developed to educate players on the various governmental investment opportunities and financial solutions, such as maximising the flow

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of green finance and carbon funds together with the use of market mechanisms such as the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), and mobilising private capital to effectually develop the energy sector. In addition, South Africa's IRP 2019 charts a course for a progressively lower relative contribution by coal-based electricity generation to total energy supply over time, and sessions will explore how this agenda drives investment opportunities in Africa.

In an effort to reduce national emissions and decrease their reliance on energy imports whilst increasing clean air in cities and towns, African nations will inevitably observe a considerable shift in the transport sector and the **Africa Energy Indaba** is set to delve into the details of such. Moreover, Africa's decarbonisation endeavours, driven by the environmental sustainability agenda, is shifting the energy mix at an accelerated pace, to a point that is predicted to position gas ahead of coal by 2030. This year's event is set to reveal the intricacies concerning this exciting phase of transformation and disruption transpiring in Africa.

Furthermore, the prevalent energy transition is expected to generate broader socio-economic benefits, including the impact of expenditure in human capital and education, reduced health impacts from air pollution, reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and depletion of natural resources. Discussions will centre around how such socio-economic impacts of the energy transition will be converted to acceptable outcomes.

Adopting technology, cultivating talent across the generations and encouraging digital skills acquisition are fundamental factors to enhancing efficiency within the energy sector. Well-versed industry leaders attending the event, will impart their knowledge of opportunity development and management of related threats whilst proactively implementing strategies to fortify competitive advantage and boost profits through the digitalisation of operations within the landscape that is energy.

The abovementioned topics only the scratch the surface of what the continent's leading energy event has in store for its attendees. In addition, there are multiple divergent groundbreaking discussions to be presented by relevant luminaries of the energy realm, incorporating the recent and profound African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) as well as the opportunities associated with Independent Power Producers (IPPs).

During this time of critical energy transition, the **Africa Energy Indaba 2020** aims to support African and international energy leaders to translate global objectives into regional and national business solutions in order to secure a more accessible, affordable and sustainable energy future for the African continent. "Doing business is key to the discussions at the Africa Energy Indaba. Our focus is on exploring how, using the various discussions, business can access opportunities in the African energy sector, learn how to do transactions and unlock bottlenecks with energy project developments." Commented Liz Hart, Managing Director of the Africa Energy Indaba.



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## **ABOUT AFRICA ENERGY INDABA**

***2020 Theme: “African Energy – Catalysing Investment and Business Opportunities”***

The Africa Energy Indaba is the continent’s definitive energy event, providing an agenda that influences energy policy for Africa. Attended by Ministers and decision-makers, the prestigious event serves as the ideal platform for achieving Africa's energy vision for a sustainable energy future and keeping abreast of global energy competitors in this dynamic landscape. The event has proven its success year on year, demonstrating extreme efficaciousness in addressing key issues impacting the African energy sector while devising solutions to best mitigate these pressing concerns. Strategic partnerships with the World Energy Council, the South African National Energy Association and the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency ensure the event is backed by leading energy drivers. The symposium provides invaluable business growth opportunities for the continent's energy realm, subsequently inspiring much-needed transformation within the sector.

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