

Department of Energy partners with African Utility Week

The South African Department of Energy has committed to a three-year partnership with the African Utility Week that annually attracts more than 5,000 power professionals from across the globe.



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This year the African Utility Week conference and exhibition takes place from 12-14 May in Cape Town.

"We take this official host ministry partnership with the Department as seriously as they do," says event director Evan Schiff. "Not only will Minister Tina Joemat-Petersson address our opening session, but she will also attend our unique CEO Forum that brings together utility leaders from across the continent.

"Moreover, as a member of our Advisory Board, the Department is helping to shape the conference programme and set the debate agenda. This fits seamlessly with our aim to remain relevant and be an event for and by the industry. We have similar partnerships with various integral industry bodies such as Eskom, Power Africa, SAEEC, SAAMA and the City of Cape Town," Schiff says.

Key topics

"Every year African Utility Week gathers the industry to learn, share knowledge and debate the key topics that will secure the future development of Africa's power and water industries. Topics will range from regional collaboration in the power sector to the untapped potential of renewable energy and investment challenges.

"We look forward to the Department engaging with the industry and to join the debate to find creative and sustainable solutions to the energy challenges we all face. We are excited to have the Department as an official partner of such a long-standing event as African Utility Week that has become an important fixture and meeting place on the energy calendar for the continent," Schiff concludes.

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