

# Wind energy industry set to grow in next decade

With the installed capacity of almost 2GW already operational and an additional 1.4GW in final stages of construction, the South African wind industry is certainly ready to expand its growth into the next decade, said Ntombifuthi Ntuli, CEO of the South African Wind Energy Association (Sawea) told the Windaba virtual conference.



Ntombifuthi Ntuli, CEO, Sawea

She reflected on industry growth since 2010, which has delivered 3.4GW of wind power over four bidding rounds. “A lot of progress has been made on the policy front that sets the tone for the next decade of wind power. Following the approval of the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) 2019 about a year ago, which allocates 1.6GW per annum from 2022 to 2030 to wind energy, we now have a clear path for procurement of additional new generation capacity clearly outlined in the Section 34 Ministerial Determination that was gazetted in September 2020.”

“We will have more than 30GW of renewable energy installed capacity by 2030, which will constitute about 40% of the total power system,” she said.

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