

Cape Town welcomes 5,000 power and water professionals at African Utility Week as industry celebrates successes

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Energy and water efficiency, back-up electricity supply and clean energy solutions will be in focus as more than 5,000 power and water professionals meet at the CTICC in Cape Town from Tuesday for the 14th annual **African Utility Week and Clean Power Africa** conference and expo.

Attendees will include utility heads from Nigeria, Uganda, Namibia, Senegal, Ghana, Malawi, Tanzania, Zambia and South Africa, at what is the largest utility gathering of its kind on the continent with visitors from 30 African countries and 70 worldwide.

"Africa's energy and water challenges are not unique but it is important to look at African solutions for Africa and we are making great progress," says Nicolette Pombo-van Zyl, **African Utility Week** programme director.

"It is a relevant and practical gathering by the industry, for the industry, at a time when resources are under the spotlight," Pombo-van Zyl explains. "We will discuss topics ranging from the energy-water-food nexus, energy efficiency, rural electrification, smart metering, hear about cherry-picked case studies and successful projects around the continent and look at how utilities can incorporate renewable energy into their power mix."

The City of Cape Town is the host city of the event and Eskom the host utility.

Celebrating utility industry's successes

On Tuesday evening, the successes of the industry will be celebrated during the **African Utility Week** Awards when top honours will be given in nine categories that include top Utility Executive of the Year, Rural Electrification Project, Clean Energy Project, South African municipality and the Lifetime Achievement award.

The **African Utility Week** and **Clean Power Africa** expo will focus on the latest technology and services in the industry disciplines of metering, clean power, water, large power users, investment and finance, transmission and distribution, smart grids and generation.

To assist utilities, municipalities and other large power users become more energy and water efficient and explore renewable energy options, **African Utility Week** has also teamed up with professional industry bodies for a varied series of free CPD-accredited technical workshops in electrical engineering, energy efficiency and clean energy solutions taking place on the expo floor.

Event dates and location:

Conference and Exhibition (including workshops): 13-14 May 2014 - **THE OPENING SESSION ON TUESDAY STARTS AT 09h30**

Focus day: 12 May 2014

Site visits: 15 May 2014

Location: CTICC, Cape Town, South Africa

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