

# Conference to discuss financing for power projects in Africa

The 8th Annual Powering Africa: Finance Options Meeting will return to Cape Town on 30 and 31 October.



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This pan-African executive briefing will welcome CEOs and senior-level directors to get to the heart of the issues and opportunities surrounding the financing of power projects in Africa, allowing for a limited number of participants to engage with key decision-makers through a series of open, uninhibited discussions taking place under Chatham House Rule.

As Africa's demand for power generation continues to outstrip supply, the question of how to finance the future of Africa's power sector looms large. Prospective investors must fully understand the latest developments in Africa's finance sector in order to launch successful projects and build long term relationships with local government.

Private equity investments into Africa were up by 136% in 2013 (with a huge chunk of that going to power and infrastructure projects). Pension funds and sovereign wealth funds are also increasingly looking into long term power projects to fund, with lenders working hard to develop debt financing models to keep up with Africa's power market.

Confirmed speakers include Karen Breytenbach, head: IPP Office, National Treasury, South Africa; Moremi Marwa, CEO Dar Es Salaam Stock Exchange; Peter Ballinger, director of U.S.-Africa Clean Energy Development and Finance Centre, Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC); and Waziri Bintube, chief financial officer of Nigerian Bulk Electricity Trading Plc.