Renewable Energy Policy

13 - 18 May 2019
Sustainability Institute, Lynedoch, Stellenbosch

Synopsis

The rise of renewable energy technologies internationally and specifically in Sub-Saharan Africa, must be understood in the context of global climate and development frameworks such as the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement. South Africa has set ambitious targets, aligned with other emerging economies, to achieve various outcomes that address, amongst others, energy security, climate change and socio-economic development. Realising these commitments will require significant policy interventions to potentially shift South Africa towards a low-carbon economy that supports inclusive economic growth as prescribed by the National Development Plan (NDP). Given South Africa's historic reliance on fossil fuels, consolidated in the Mineral Energy Complex (MEC), the rise of renewable energy technologies has the potential to disrupt and transform the country's political economy.

Against this backdrop and informed by South Africa's specific energy policy landscape, this course will focus on various renewable energy policies and investigate their potential contribution to a just transition towards sustainable, inclusive and low-carbon economic growth. This will include various scales and configurations from the utility scale Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Procurement Programme and the municipal scale Small Scale Embedded Generation policies, to off-grid and grid-connected decentralised systems.

A number of guest lecturers from industry, government, civil society and other academic institutions participate in the course as experts from specific fields such as climate change, renewable energy systems and technologies, renewable energy policy implementation, renewable energy project finance and development, and the political economy of energy.

No academic credits can be obtained by attending this course.

Who should attend

The course is suitable for a range of technical and non-technical participants. Engineers, technologists and technicians active in the energy sector. Architects, investors, planners and developers. Policy makers, government and local authority officials. Civil society activists and community organisers.

Certification

The module has been registered with the Engineering Council of South Africa for Continuous Professional Development points. A Certificate of Attendance with an indication of the CPD points and level will be awarded to all participants who attend the full course from Monday morning to Saturday lunchtime.

Venue and Time

This course will be presented at the Sustainability Institute, R310 Baden Powell Drive, Lynedoch, outside Stellenbosch, and will run from 08:00 to 17:00 on Mo-Fri, 13-17 May 2018 and from 09:00 to 13:00 on Saturday 18 May 2018 Directions can be obtained from: www.sustainabilityinstitute.net.

Travel and Accommodation

The Sustainability Institute does not provide on-site accommodation. Accommodation is available in Stellenbosch or Cape Town. The Stellenbosch Information Bureau can be contacted on (021) 883 3584 for delegates who want to make their own accommodation arrangements in Stellenbosch.

Registration and information

The course is designed for a restricted number of attendees so as to personalise and maximise the learning experience. Bookings will be taken on a first come first served basis.

Click HERE to register online

No registration is final until you have received a confirmation by email from Stellenbosch University.

Registrations close on Monday 29 April 2019.

Course Fees

- Course fee for the five and a half-day course: R 10 800
- The registration form must be accompanied by a cheque made out to Stellenbosch University, or proof of a direct deposit to Stellenbosch University.
- **Cancellation of enrolment made up to and including 29 April 2019 will be subject to a 15% handling fee**. No refunds will be made after this date; however, substitutions will be accepted.
- Attendance without payment will not be permitted.
- In the case of unforeseen circumstances Stellenbosch University reserves the right to cancel the course, in which case all fees will be reimbursed in full.
- The course fee includes all study material, tea/ coffee and lunches.

Presenter

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