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## **Minister H.E. Hon. Tina Joemat-Pettersson to attend Southern Africa Energy & Infrastructure Summit**

South African Energy Minister **H.E. Hon. Tina Joemat-Pettersson** has confirmed to join the Ministries of Madagascar, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Mozambique at the [Southern Africa Energy & Infrastructure Summit](#) (SAEIS), taking place between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of May.

Over 30 speakers from the SADC region will celebrate regional co-operation at the meeting and discuss the future of energy production, promoting energy and infrastructure projects that require both private and public-sector support in order to be realized in the region. The South African Minister will address investor questions on regional cooperation and South Africa's supporting role within the SADC.

Additionally the 'African Forum for Utility Regulators (AFUR)' has provided its backing of the meeting with 10 heads of regional regulation bodies attending. Regulators will contribute publically on the agenda as well as taking time at the meeting to privately debate a deeper, more integrated strategy to support private sector engagement and public sector needs.

DBSA, World Bank, OPIC, IFC, DBSA and AFC are all backing the project-focused working group, which is an extension of EnergyNet's long standing partnership with Mozambique and these backbone investors.

*"Having worked with the Mozambique government for 14 years now, we understand the landscape and the role the country can play regionally; therefore when a number of our private and public sector partners suggested we expand our offering to focus on energy and infrastructure projects regionally, it seemed the right move considering the rapidly changing role of SADC and SAPP to deliver greater integration*

*Excitingly, the Project Advisory Unit recently established to deliver these massive projects in partnership with World Bank. These will be presented at the meeting and we expect them to throw up a number of opportunities for investors. For this reason it's important that the private sector is able to participate in Maputo to further demonstrate its ability to play a pivotal role both in the planning and execution of the framework, but also to understand more clearly where the sector is going and who is shaping its direction."* Veronica Bolton Smith, Regional Director, EnergyNet

**Confirmed public sector decision makers are:**

H.E. Hon Tina Joemat-Pettersson, Minister of Energy, **South Africa**

H.E. Hon Horace Gatiens, Minister of Energy and Hydrocarbons, **Madagascar**

H.E. Hon. Samuel Undenge, Minister of Energy and Power Development, **Zimbabwe**

Kescel Kaehaizi, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, **Malawi**

Pascoal Bacela, National Director of Energy, Ministry of Mineral Resources and Energy, **Mozambique**

Isaias Rabeca, Executive Board Member, EDM, **Mozambique**

Antonio Saide, CEO, FUNAE, Fundo de Energia, (Energy Fund), Ministry of Energy, **Mozambique**

Guiherme Luis Mavilia, Chairman and CEO, CENLEC, **Mozambique**

Karen Breytenbach, Head of IPP Office, Department of Energy, **South Africa**

Remigious Makumbe, Director of Regional Infrastructure and Services, **SADC**

Alison Chikova, Acting Coordination Centre Manager, **Southern Africa Power Pool (SAPP)**

Paseka Nku, Acting CEO, NERSA, **South Africa**

Shamshir Mukoon, Production Manager, Central Electricity Board, **Mauritius**

John Kandalu, Chief Executive Officer, ESCOM, **Malawi**

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