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AFRICA ENERGY INDABA 2012:- A Partnership for Progress. An Interview with Dr Latsoucabé Fall, WEC Regional Manager for Africa, and Liz Hart, Managing Director of Africa Energy Indaba



Recently WEC, [Siyenza Management](#) and [South African National Energy Association \[SANEA\]](#) signed a co-operation agreement to position the [Africa Energy Indaba](#) as a regional event on WEC's calendar.

What is Indaba?

"Indaba is a Zulu word meaning a gathering of the tribal elders for a discussion on matters of importance" explains Liz Hart. "Africa Energy Indaba, now in its 4th year, will in 2012 once again incorporate the conference and exhibition, as well as the WEC African Regional Forum. As in previous years, the conference programme features a line-up of top local and international experts and speakers while the exhibition is expected to double in size after a triumphant showcase at this year's event. This will result in the Africa Energy Indaba becoming the foremost forum and premier energy event on the African continent." "The professional leadership provided by these two key organisations ensures that Africa Energy Indaba receives attention at the highest level both locally and internationally," says organiser and MD, Liz Hart. "This is critical to ensure that the resolutions proceeding from the conference have a real impact on shaping energy policy, creating business opportunities and informing the debate around Africa's energy future."

What African Insights will you hope to achieve?

"Africa holds significant energy resources and potentially has a high level of energy self-sufficiency for the region

as a whole. However, these resources are not well developed to meet the growing needs of the continent," says Dr Latsoucabé Fall. He adds "Africa Energy Indaba presents a unique opportunity to discuss how Africa's energy challenges can best be met and to come up with viable solutions for policy-makers and decision-makers in government and industry to accelerate the realisation of a secure energy future for the continent."

What are your aspirations in the context of working with SANEA and WEC?

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Tell us about SANEA.

SANEA, the South African member committee of the WEC, represents a hub for the exchange of energy related information aimed at stimulating original thought and catalysing the transformation of the energy sector and, while rooted in sub-Saharan Africa, is well respected across the entire African continent.

SANEA chair, Brian Statham, says, "Africa Energy Indaba is an important event on the regional calendar and we are delighted to have been involved since its inception, in line with our mandate to strengthen regional insight as part of WEC's global insight processes."

South Africa was a founding member of WEC and SANEA, an independent registered not-for-profit company, has been active in WEC since then.

The next Energy Indaba will be held on February 21st-23rd 2012 For more info: www.energyindaba.co.za

WEC Debrief

National Energy Day – Argentina 1st July 2011

This event has been held annually since 1997 by the Argentine Committee. 156 participants attended the Seminar, including representatives of the most important oil and gas companies and Universities. The subjects were of great importance and relevance for Argentina and were presented by recognized experts in their fields.

WEC Argentine Chairman, Jorge Ferioli delivered the opening speech, in which he showed concern about the future production of energy, "every time takes more energy to produce energy". "The reserves are now measured in volumetric terms, if they were measured in energy terms, they would be much lower."

Cecilia Smoglie, PhD. in Engineering by Karlsruhe Universität, addressed about Energy Efficiency which is considered the largest energy source to develop in the coming years. Mario Mariscotti, PhD. Nuclear Physics, addressed about Fukushima and the Nuclear Energy. "Experts agree that the impact will be felt and will stop projects; I would add 'for a while'" he said.

Dr. Chris Schenk, PhD. in Geology, USGS researcher and Task Chief for the USGS addressed about Shale Gas and Tight Oil in the World, potential and challenges. Dr. Chris Schenk linked the economic crisis and the increase in the production of shale gas with the downward trend in gas prices in the United States. When asked about the potential of Vaca Muerta, Neuquén, Argentina, the specialist said he cannot make a diagnosis about it yet "because there is still progress in the analysis of the data obtained by local companies working in the area." **For more info: www.cacme.org.ar/seminarios**



WEC Agenda

Register now for the World Energy Leaders' Summit - Rio de Janeiro, Brazil - September 14-15, 2011

The World Energy Leaders' Summit (WELS) is organized twice a year by the World Energy Council for its global Energy Leaders community to enable an on-going high-level dialogue on critical issues affecting the energy world. Participation is on invitation only and exclusively for WEC's Patrons and Global Partners CEOs, a select number of Energy Ministers, WEC's Officers and Chairs of National Committees as well as selected guests and experts. For more information please visit: <http://www.wec-wels.com/>

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August 10 2011

WEC Colombian Member Committee Event

'Shale Gas and Biofuels'

Organised by: WEC Colombian MC

Contact: cocme@cocme.org

August 25 2011

WEC Romanian National Committee conference: THE FUTURE OF FOSSIL FUELS

"Risk Assessment of Hydrocarbons' Extraction, Transport and Use"

Venue: ISPE, Acad. Martin Berceovici Hall

Organised by: WEC/ RNC, Romgaz, Transgaz and SIPG

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July 28 2011

WEC Romanian National Committee conference: Energy Efficiency

"Performance of Generating Plants"

Venue: Parliament Palace, Nicolae Balcescu Hall

Organised by: WEC/ RNC, DK-EXPO and CE Craiova

Contact: ghsalan@cnr-cme.ro

October 18 - 19 2011

India Energy Congress

Theme: "Emerging Opportunities in the Energy Sector"

Venue: New Delhi

Organised by: Indian Member Committee of WEC

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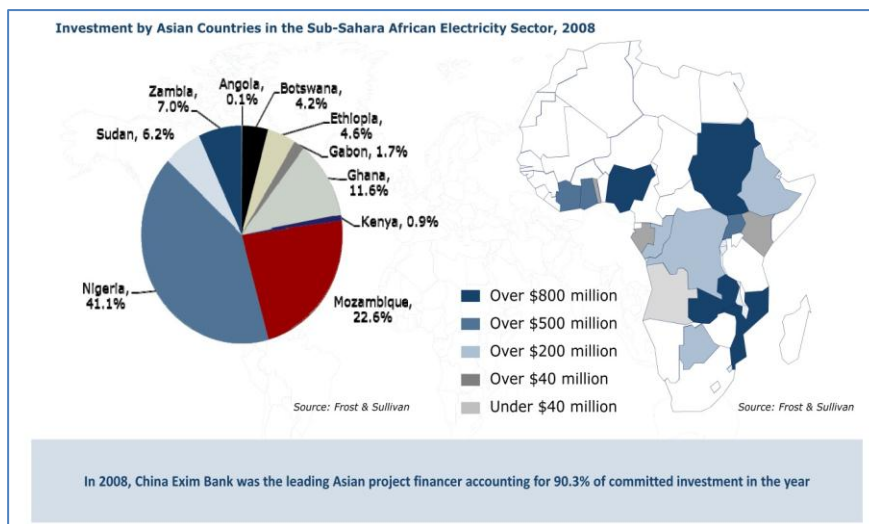
Investment in Africa

The Scenarios team conducted a Regional Scenarios Workshop in Johannesburg on 28 February 2011. It was well attended by professionals from various sectors in Africa with direct and indirect involvement in energy policy.

Africa is fast becoming an investment destination for many Asian and Middle Eastern investors. Incomes are rising with increased economic activity and this has led to more demand for energy.

Following the Scenarios workshop, the team extracted a number of messages which can be distilled as below:

1. Electricity demand is set to increase over the next few decades as mining activity and urbanisation increases. Eskom is facing a shortfall in generation capacity.
2. There is pressure in South Africa to liberalise the electricity generation sector and to allow IPPs to participate in the market. This has led to demand for regulatory reform.
3. Africa will continue to exploit its fossil fuel reserves in order to economically fulfil demand for energy. In order to reduce carbon emissions, focus will be placed on increasing efficiency gains.
4. Renewables in Africa will take the form of rural solar PV installations in the short term. There has been some movement in the biofuels sector, but this is yet to see large scale operation, especially in light of the impact on food security.
5. A move towards regional power pools has begun and will very likely continue into the future. Oil pipeline interconnections are also being planned, especially in West Africa.



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