



EASTERN CAPE - EUROPEAN UNION RENEWABLE ENERGY CONFERENCE

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The Eastern Cape Province of the Republic of South Africa and the European Union will be jointly hosting a renewable energy conference and exhibition from the 28th to the 30th of November 2012 in East London, South Africa.

The objectives of the conference and exhibition are to:

- Raise awareness of renewable energy opportunities in the Eastern Cape and establish partnerships in renewable energy between the European Union and the Eastern Cape;
- Showcase and deepen existing projects and partnerships, and development cooperation;
- Identify opportunities and obstacles for renewable energy in the Eastern Cape informed by European Union experience; and
- Establish on-going processes for supporting projects and partnerships.

The conference is a key component of a visit by a trade delegation from the European Union to the Eastern Cape, which will be formally welcomed on the 27th November by the Honourable Premier of the Eastern Cape, Ms Noxolo Kiviet.

The conference, which is hosted by the Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism under MEC Mcebisi Jonas, will consist of two days of seminars, discussions and facilitated matchmaking involving current and potential stakeholders in renewable energy in the Eastern Cape. It will be addressed by the Premier of the Eastern Cape, head of the European Delegation to South Africa, Roeland van de Geer, and the Minister of Energy, Ms. Dipuo Peters.

Conference visitors will be able to meet and network with the European Union delegates to explore and share common opportunities relating to renewable energy.

The conference will provide delegates with insight into the current and developing regulatory and institutional arrangements pertaining to renewable energy projects and programmes in the province, the investment environment, and available and potential capacity within the province to support renewable energy.

The exhibition will profile and showcase government departments, organisations and companies within the renewable energy sector. Furthermore field trips will be organised for conference delegates on the 30th November to showcase renewable energy projects and to explore the beauty of the Eastern Cape.

876 Megawatts of the National Renewable Energy Procurement Programme have been awarded to Preferred Bidders in the EC so far.

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